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AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia is a multipart project. Each part will discuss a separate Wright family, beginning with the oldest known ancestor of that line. This work 1763 Thomas Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mary (____) Wright, And His Descendants is Part I of the project.

The material is organized in four sections. The first is the text, the second the descendants charts, the third the sources, and the fourth appendices.

The text provides full transcriptions of all documents and sources found for the individuals discussed, as well as explanations of the significance of documents and the evidentiary logic for conclusions that are not obvious on their face. Five generations of descendants are discussed. Every researcher has faced the frustration of an asserted identification without a source reference or explanation of the conclusion or a source reference which when consulted turns out to say something different than what was claimed. By providing full transcriptions of sources, I hope to allow the reader to reach their own conclusions regarding the identifications given and avoid the need to search out the source, even though this adds considerably to the length of the text. When secondary sources are relied on, the person providing the information is listed.

The descendants charts are organized with the oldest ancestor in the first column and each descendant from that ancestor in the remaining columns, to the extent known. The basic data of date and place of birth, marriage, residence, and death are given for each individual. The sources for that information are also given for each individual, using code numbers to the source list. I have limited the descendants chart to seven generations to reduce the public disclosure of information about living persons. I will be happy to share the information on later generations with interested researchers.

The source list provides first a chronologically listing of sources as they were found and second a listing by geographic area and type of source, such as birth records or death records. The chronological listing evolved from my early years in research and mistaken efforts at coding the source. By the time I realized the inappropriateness of the coding format, there was too much information in a pre-computer era to correct the early references. The reader is left with the result and my apology.

The appendices list all of the known Wright documents for a particular type of record for a county in chronological order and include an identification of the Wright named in the record. These appendices are being published separately by Heritage Books, Inc., and to date have included Wright birth, marriage, personal property tax, census, deed, land tax, death, cemetery, and probate records for Bedford and Franklin Counties, Virginia. Other counties will follow in the future. The appendices allow a cross referencing of the known records to the person discussed to avoid having the same record cited for two different persons who happened to have the same name and

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The numerous Wrights found in the same geographic areas necessitated an identification system to keep their identities separated. The system selected early on was to list a person by their year of death and county of residence at death, when known. For example, "1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County" indicates that this was the Thomas Wright who died in 1763 in Bedford County. If no state is listed after the county, the state is Virginia; counties in states other than Virginia have a state listed after the county, as in "1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio." A parenthetical after the name indicates an identification of the person when a place of death is not yet known, as in "John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter)." A county in parentheses after the name indicates the county with which that person was most identified when no evidence of the place of death has yet been found, as in "Grief Wright (Bedford County)."

No work of this size is done without help. My friend Diane Smith has typed and revised over 75,000 pages of documents, text, and descendants charts, often from barely readable copies and nearly indecipherable handwriting. Together we have gone through almost every iteration of word processing program and media, including IBM, Wang, and Word Perfect, magnetic cards, 6½" floppies, 3½" floppies, and DOS. The evolution of technologies that are incompatible or no longer accessible supports my faith in the printed word.

Numerous other researchers have shared their records and research, often providing the breakthrough which permitted the identification of a person. I have attempted to recognize their contributions by identifying those contributions in the text and source list.

And my wife has patiently accepted the piling up of boxes of documents, notebooks filled with documents, text, descendants charts, and appendices and a work table piled with work to be done.

Thank you to all for your help and patience and I hope the reader finds that this work justifies the effort.

This is a work in process and I would be most interested in receiving additional information about any of the persons identified in these records in order to correct any errors or expand on the information given.

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I. 1763 Thomas Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mary (____) Wright And His Descendants

The St. Paul Parish Register, Baltimore County, Maryland, listed the following two children born to Thomas and Mary Wright:

1) Elizabeth, born June 28, 1733 (page 52); and

2) Katherine, born August 6, 1736 (page 52).

This record is given in Records Of St. Paul's Parish and in The Maryland And Delaware Genealogist, April 1979, Vol. XX, No. 2, page 18.

As will be set forth below, 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County in his will listed his wife Mary Wright and two of his daughters as Elizabeth and Cathorine.

The Baltimore County, Maryland, Tax List of 1737 from Baltimore County Court Records Joppa Maryland listed three Thomas Wrights in Baltimore County, two in the Middle River Hundred and one for the Back River Upper Hundred:

"A List of Taxables for Middle River Hundred for the Year 1737 . . . .

Tho Wright 1
. . . .

Thomas Wright 1
. . . . .

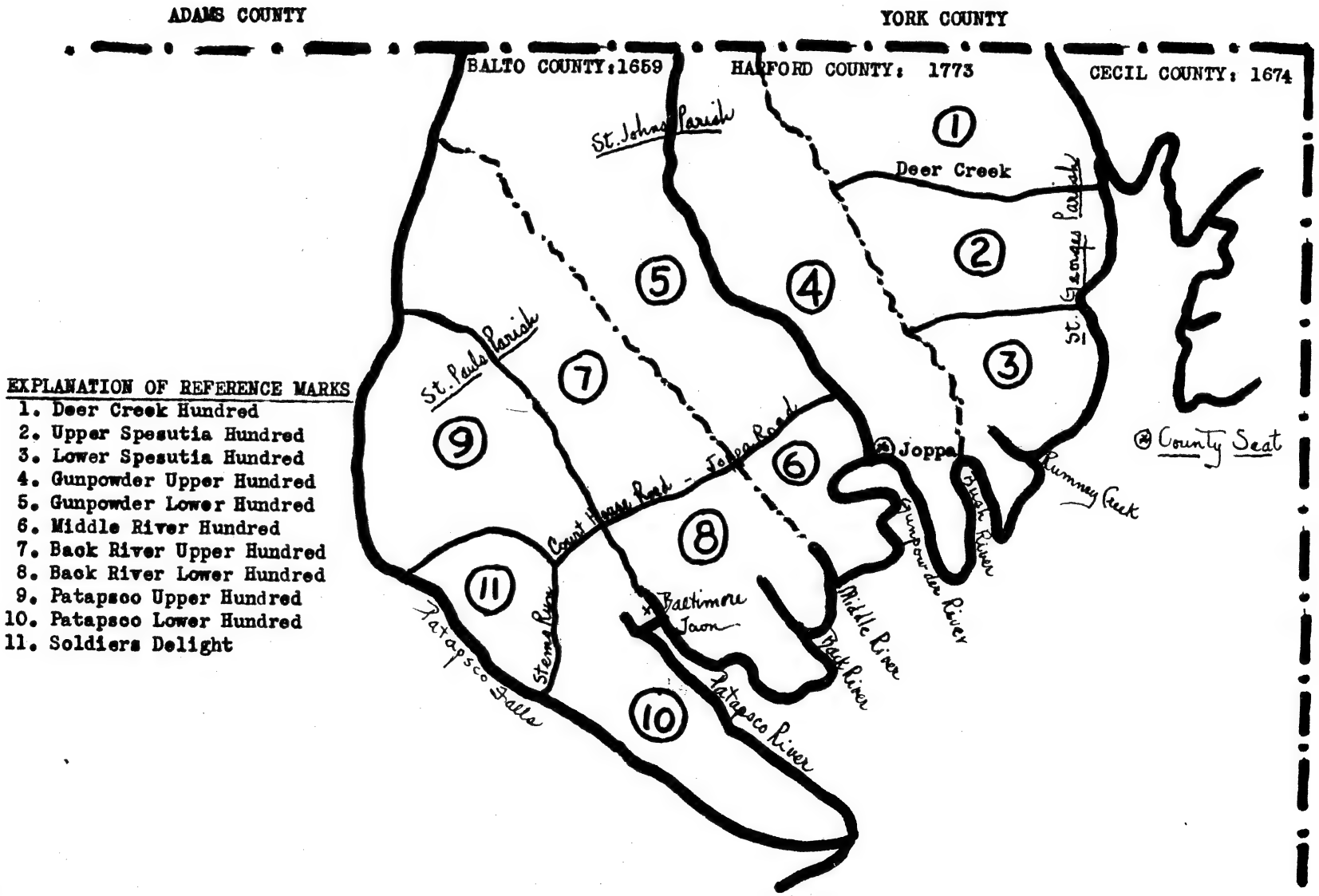
A list of the Taxables in Back River Upper Hundred Taken by John Colegate - 1737 . . . .

Thomas Right
John Cemp 2
. . . ."

The map on the following page from Baltimore County Court Records Joppa Maryland indicates the location of these two areas:

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HUNDREDS: 1737
(As Assumed by William N. Wilkins - May 2, 1950)

WILLIAM N. WILKINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
4325 BELLONA AVENUE
BALTIMORE 12, MARYLAND



EXPLANATION OF REFERENCE MARKS

1. Deer Creek Hundred
2. Upper Spesutia Hundred
3. Lower Spesutia Hundred
4. Gunpowder Upper Hundred
5. Gunpowder Lower Hundred
6. Middle River Hundred
7. Back River Upper Hundred
8. Back River Lower Hundred
9. Patapsco Upper Hundred
10. Patapsco Lower Hundred
11. Soldiers Delight

As will be set forth below, Thomas Wright's son Joseph Wright is believed to have married an Elizabeth Kemp in Maryland. The listing of a John Cemp in the Thomas Right household in the Back River Upper Hundred in Baltimore County Tax List indicates that it was the household of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County. In addition, as will be set forth below, in the next year 1763 Thomas Wright purchased land known as Turkey Cock Alley, which was located on a branch of Beaver Dam Creek which in turn flowed into Gunpowder River. The location of that land would place it in the Back River Upper Hundred taxable area.

On November 8, 1738, at Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed HWS #1A, folio 130, Thomas Wright purchased 50 acres of land from Charles Harryman:

"Charles Harryman)
to)
Thomas Wright)

This Indenture made this Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred thirty eight Between Charles Harryman of Baltimore County planter of the part and Thomas Wright of said County in the Province of Maryland planter of the other part Witnesseth that the said Charles Harryman for and in Consideration of the sum of Four pounds Current money already in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged and thereof and every part and parcell thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge the said Thomas Wright his heirs exrs and admrs by these presents hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed & Confirmed unto him the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assignes for ever all that tract or parcell of land lying in the County aforesd called Turkey Cock ally, Beginning at a bounded white oak standing on the south side of a small branch which descends into the Beaver dam river and runs thence south twenty degrees west thirty four perchees (?) then south eighty degrees east eighty perche's then East seventy perche's then North fifty perche's then north forty degrees west forty perche's then to the first tree Containing and laid out for fifty acres of Land more or Less Together with all rights proffitts benefits previledges & appertenances thereunto belonging or anyways appertaining To Have and To Hold the aforesd fifty acres of Land & premises with the appertenances unto him the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assignes for ever, and to no other interest use or purpose whatsoever and the the said Charles Harryman doth hereby for himself his heirs exrs & admrs covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns that he the said Charles Harryman his heirs exrs and admrs shall and will warrant and for ever defend the aforesd bargained Land and premisses from all former bargains sales leases Mortgage's claims and Incumbrance's whatsoever from by or under

him the said Charles Harryman his heirs exrs or admrs or by their mean's or procurement and the said Charles Harryman doth for himself his heirs exrs and admrs hereby Covenant promise grant & agree to and with the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns that he the said Charles Harryman his heirs exrs or admrs shall & will at any time hereafter at the request cost & charge of the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns suffer make acknowledge and execute all or any other further lawfull and reasonable act assurance or conveyance such as said Thomas Wright his heir's or assign's his or their Council shall advise or require for the better surety and sure making the aforesd Land & premises unto him the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigne's for ever agreeable to this present Indenture In Witness whereof the said Charles Harryman hath hereunto set his hand and seal on the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presents of
F. Sheredine
Aga Paca

Charles his X mark Harryman

On the back of which foregoing deed is this written vizt Reced the 8 day of Novr 1738 of Thomas Wright the sum of ten pounds Current money in full consideration for the within bargained land and premises reced.

Charles his X mark Harryman

WCemd (?) that on the 8 day of Novr 1738 Came Charles Harryman party to the within deed and acknowledged the Land and premises therein mentioned to be the right title and estate of the within named Thomas Wright his heirs and assigne's for ever before the subscriber's two of his Lordships Justice's for Baltimore County

T Sheredine
Aga Paca

Received November the Eleventh and recorded November the twelfth anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight

Wells Stoke's Clk
Balt County"

This land was originally patented by Charles Harryman on September 15, 1730, at Patent Deed #5003, Turkey Cock Alley, MdHR 40,004:

"By Vertue of Alots: granted to Thos Hooker of the Said Coty Out of his Lord Ships Land office bearing Date the 15th day of May by renewment for two hundred Acres of Land fifty Acres part of which Said wt was on the 2d day of July 1730 Assigned by the Said Hooker to Charles Harryman of the Said Coty as appears

These are therefore to Certifie that I Philip Jones ____ Depty Survr under Charles Calvert Esqrs S____ genrll govr of the western Shore of this province have laid out for him the Said Charles Harryman a parsell of Land in the County afsd Calld Turkey Cock Ally Beginning at abounded white Oak Standing on the South Side of Small branch which Descends into the beavor dam run And runing Thence South twenty degs west thirty foure prs. then South Eighty degrs East Eighty prs. then East Seventy prs. then north fifty prs then north west fourty prs. then by a Direct Line to the first bounded tree Cent and now Laid Out for fifty acres of Land more or Less to be holden of the manner of Baltimore Surveyed Septr 15th 1730 pr one

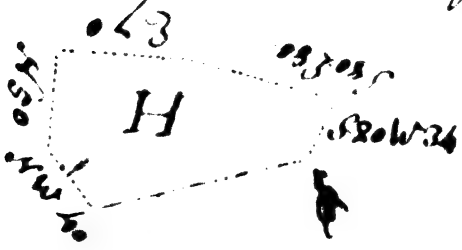
Philip Jonesfield
Dep Survr
____: H: is Turkey cock Ally 50
pr: Seale ____
_____
Jackson

A copy of the plat of that land is given on the following page:

and by Vertue of a Lt. granted to Thos. Hooker of the Said Coty. Out of his Lordships Land office bearing date the 15th day of May by Renewment for two hundred Acres of Land fifty acres part of which said Lt. was on the 2d day of July 1730 Assigned by the Said Hooker to Charles Harryman of the Said Coty. as appears

These are therefore to Certifie that I Philip Jones Jun. Deputy Surv. Under Charles Colvert Esq. Surv. genl. of the western Shore of this province have laid out for him the said Charles Harryman a parcell of Land in the County aforesaid Call. Turkey cock Ally Beginning at a bound old White Oak standing on the South side of a small branch which Descends into the beaver dam run and Running Thence South twenty degs. west thirty foure pts. then South Eighty degs. East Eighty pts. then East Seventy pts. then North fifty pts. then North west forty pts. then by a Direct Line to the first bounded tree Cont. and now Laid out for fifty acres of Land more or Less to be holden of the manner of Baltimore Surveyed Sept. y. 15th 1730 p. one

Philip Jones Jun.
Dep. Surv.



H: is Turkey cock Ally 50 pts. Scale 100 pts. in an Inch

That same land was resurveyed on July 10, 1754, at Unpatented Certificates #1654, Turkey Cock Ally, MdHr 40,027:

"Baltimore County SS. By Virtue of a special Warrant granted out of his Lordships Land Office by renewment January 15th 1754, to resurvey & lay out for William Parks of Baltimore County a tract or parcell of Land called Turkey Cock Ally lying and being in the County aforesaid originally on the ____ day of ____ Anno Dom ____ Granted unto a Certain Charles Harryman for 50 acres under new Rents, and by my outlines to Add any Vacant Land thereto Contiguous whether Cultivated or otherwise.

I Nicholas Ruxton Gay Deputy Surveyor of said County have carefully resurveyed and Laid out for & in the name of him the said William Parks the afsd Tract of Land according to its antient Metes and bounds as shewed to me Begining at a bounded white Oak standing on the South side of Small branch descending into the Beavor Dam Run; And runing thence S 20° W 34 ps; S 80° E 80 ps; E 70 ps; N 50 ps; NW 40 ps; and then with a Streight line to the begining containing & Laid out for fifty three Acres more or less.

I have also added to the outlines of the said tract of Land the quantity of One hundred & two acres of Vacant Land and have reduced the whole into one entire tract bounded as follows Viz Lying in Baltimore County. Beginning South twenty degrees West fifty four perches distant from three bounded Chesnut trees standing close by the original bounded white Oak of Turkey Cock Ally (which is now dead) and on the South side of a small Branch descending into the Beaver Dam River which descends into the South side of the Great falls of Gunpowder River. And runing from the said begining, bounding on the Land called Cheneoths Adventure the two following Courses Viz South twenty five degs. East, thirty Six perches, East one hundred & thirty perches; Then South twenty Six perches; North Eighty degrees West Ninety two perches, West Ninety two perches; South West Sixty five perches; North fifteen deg. West, forty two perches, North five degrees, East, twenty Six perches; North Sixteen degs. East twenty eight perches; North two hundred and fifty four perches to the bounded trees of two Tracts Land called Broad Mead and Staines's discovery. Then bounding on Staines's discovery the Seven following Courses Vist South by East two hundred & forty four perches; South Seventy three degs. West, twenty four perches; South four degs. West forty Six perches; North Seventy three degs. East Sixty five perches; North twenty degs. West thirty Six perches; North fifteen degs West Sixty perches; North East forty two perches; Then South East by South Sixty four perches; East South East, twenty two perches untill it Intersects the given line of the original Survey. Then bounding on the original Survey the five following Courses Viz North Seventy three deg & thirteen min East Sixty four perches South East forty perches; South fifty perches West Seventy perches and then with a Streight line to the begining containing and Laid out for one

hundred and fifty five Acres more or less to be held of the Manor of Baltimore by the name of Turkey Cock Ally July 10th 1754

Buxton Gay DSBC"

A copy of the plat included with that resurvey is given in the following page:

Platted ℘ a Scale of 100 ps in an Inch

The Dotted lines destinguish the original tract from the Resurvey

A is the begining of the original tract
B is the begining of the Resurvey

Where this Survey is shaded with red Ink it is bounded by Elder Surveys

The original tract was formerly granted for 50 a
Contains a rod plus 3
53
Vacant Land now Added 102
Contains now 155

Nigay DSBC

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for the Expd
20 Oct. 1754
Examined and paper
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6 March of 62 [illegible]
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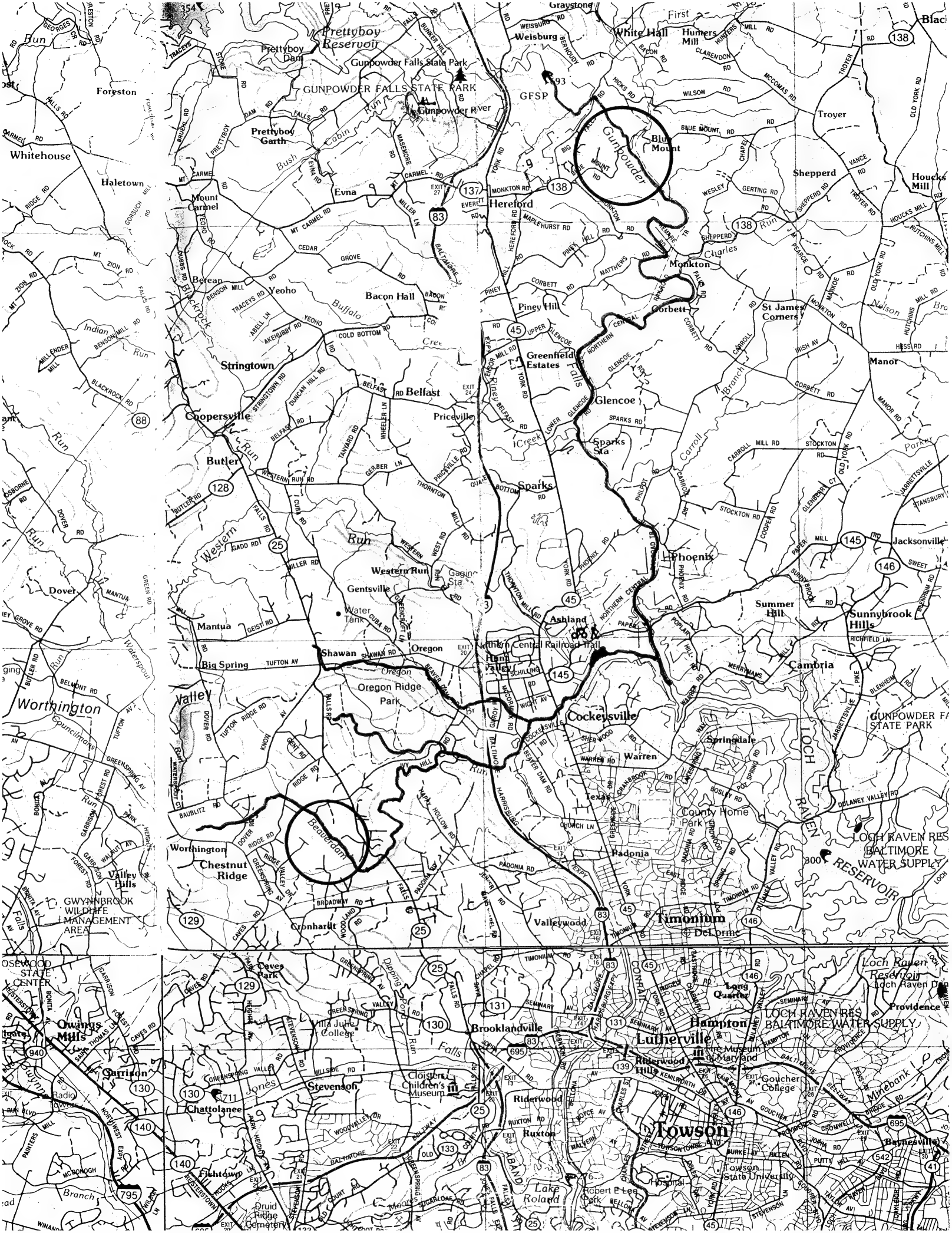
The patent, resurvey, and two plats clearly indicate that the same land was involved in both documents and the legal description places the land on Beaver Dam Creek, a branch of Gunpowder River.

The location of Beaverdam Creek, which runs into Gunpowder River south of the falls, is given on the map on the following page and is located just north of Baltimore City in Baltimore County and St. Paul's Parish and the Back River Upper Hundred: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Prettyboy Dam
Gunpowder Falls State Park
GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK
GFSP
Gunpowder River
Foreston
Whitehouse
Haletown
Mount Carmel
Evna
Prettyboy Garth
Cabin Run
Bush
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Stringtown
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Glencoe
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Cooperstown
Butler
Western Run
Gentsville
Water Tank
Phoenix
Jacksonville
Summer Hill
Sunnybrook Hills
Mantua
Shawan
Oregon
Big Spring
Ashland
Northern Central Railroad Trail
Long Valley
Cockeysville
Cambria
Oregon Ridge Park
Springdale
Warren
Texas
Dover
Worthington
Valley
Beaverdam Run
Worthington Chestnut Ridge
Valley Hills
GWYNNBROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Padonia
County Home Park
LOCH RAVEN RES BALTIMORE WATER SUPPLY
LOCH RAVEN RESERVOIR
GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK
Timonium
DeLorme
Valleywood
Cronhardt
Caves Park
Owings Mills
Garrison
Chattolanee
Stevenson
Villa Julie College
Brooklandville
Cloisters Children's Museum
Riderwood
Ruxton
Lutherville
Fire Museum of Maryland
Hampton
Long Quarter
Loch Raven Reservoir
Providence
Goucher College
Towson
Towson State University
Hospital
Robert E Lee Park
Lake Roland
Druid Ridge Cemetery
Fishtown
Radio Towers
Owings Mills Mall
Woodlawn
Baltimore
Beltway
Jones Falls
Gwynns Falls
Western Run
Dipping Pond Run
Maulsby Run
Minebank Run
Loch Raven
Harrisburg
Greenspring Valley
Seminary
Dulaney Valley
Bosley
Cockeysville
Hunt Valley
Timonium
Padonia
Warren
Texas
Lutherville
Towson
Riderwood
Ruxton
Brooklandville
Stevenson
Chattolanee
Owings Mills
Garrison
Valley Hills
Worthington
Dover
Cronhardt
Valleywood
Timonium
Lutherville
Towson
Riderwood
Ruxton
Brooklandville
Stevenson
Chattolanee
Owings Mills
Garrison
Valley Hills
Worthington
Dover
Cronhardt
Valleywood

On March 20, 1744, at Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed TB #D, folio 62, Thomas Wright sold a servant and various kinds of personal property to Charles Ridgely:

"Thomas Wright
to
Charles Ridgely
Bill Sale

Balt county ss. Know all men by these presents that I Thos Wright of the county afd planter in and for the consideration of fifteen pounds sterling money to me in hand the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge before the ensealing and deliviry of these presents have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto unto Charles Ridgely of Baltimore county mercht to say all the said Wrights tobacco stript or unstript one sevt woman named Ann Mitchell one bay mare branded on the near buttock thus TE one black mare with a slitt in the near ear and a black horse colt with a small star in his forehead two red cows with two yearlings one red bull one red py'd steer three year old old they are marked with a crop in the right ear and a croop & two slitts in the left ear To have and To hold the said bargained premeses unto the said Charles Ridgely his heirs executors adms and assigns for ever to his only proper use and behoof for ever. I the said Thomas Wright for myself my heirs executors adms and assigns the said bargained premeses unto the said Charles Ridgely promiseth to warrant and for ever defend against the claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever and in token of possession of the above premeses have before the ensealing and deliviry of this bill of sale delivired to the said Charles Ridgely one piece of silver to the value of twelve pence currant money and in witness of the above premeses have hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of March 1744.

Thos his T mark Wright

Signed sealed and delivired in the presence of

N Ridgely John Heddin

Balt county ss March 20 1744 came Thos. Wright partie to the within bill of sale & acknowledged the bargained premeses therein mentioned to be the right & title of the within named Charles Ridgely his hrs. & assigns for ever according to act of assembly in such cas provided

T. Sheredine

Recd March twenty fifth Anno Dom seventeen hundred & forty five & then recorded

T Brerewood Clk
Balt Coty"

On March 22, 1745, at Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed TB #E, folio 80, Thomas Wright sold his 50 acres of land called Turkey Cock Alley to Thomas Staine:

"This Indenture made the twenty second day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty five Between Thomas Wright of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland Planter of the one part and Thomas Staine of the County & Province afd Carpenter of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright for & in Consideration of the sum of twenty five pounds Current money of Maryland already in hand paid before the ensealing & Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Thomas Wright doth hereby acknowledge & thereof doth hereby acquit & discharge the said Thomas Staine his heirs Exrs or Admrs by these presents Hath given granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed & confirmed and by these presents do hereby give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Thomas Staine his heirs & assigns for ever all that Tract or parcell of Land lying in the said County called Turkey Cock Alley Beginning at a bounded white oak standing on the South Side a small branch which descends into the Beaver Dam river & runing thence So. twenty Degrees ____ thirty four perches thence South eighty Degrees East Eighty perches thence East seventy Perches thence North fifty perches then northwest forty perches then by a direct Line to the first bounded Tree containing & laid out for fifty Acres of Land more or less together with all rights Proffits Benefetts Priviledges Appurtenances thereunto belonging or any ways appertaining To have and to hold the afd Land & premises with all the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Staine his heirs & Assigns for ever and to his & their only proper use and behoof & to no other Intent use or Purpose whatsoever And the said Thomas Wright for himself his heirs Exers & Admres doth hereby covenant promise grant and agree to & with the said Thomas Staine his heirs & assigns that he the said Thomas Wright his heirs Exors & Admrers the afd fifty Acres of Land & promised with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Thomas Staine his heirs & assigns against all former Bargains Sales Leases Mortgages or other Claims & Incumbrances of what nature or kind soever against all manner of person or persons whatsoever that shall lay any right Title Claim & Demand thereunto shall & will warrant & for ever defend by these presents therunto ____ to become due to the Lord Proprietary only excepted and the said Thomas Wright for himself his heirs Exers & admrers doth hereby further covenant promise grant & agree to & with the said Thomas Staine his heirs & assigns that he the said Thomas Wright his heirs Exers or Admrs shall & will from time to time & at any time hereafter at the request Cost charge of the

said Thomas Staine his heirs or Assigns suffer to make acknowledgee & execute any other further lawfull & reasonable act Deed or Conveyance or any other Instrument in writing such as the said Thomas Staine his heirs or Assigns or the learned in the Law shall reasonably advise decide or require for the further & better Securety & sure making the said Land & Premises unto the said Thomas Staine his heirs & Assigns forever. In Witness whereof the said Thomas Wright hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day & year above written

Signed Seald & Deliv'd
in the psence of us
Saml Owings
Urath Owings

Thomas his T mark Wright

Baltimore County Be it remembered that on the 22d day of March Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred forty five Came Thomas Wright party to the within Deed & acknowledged the Land & Premises therein mentioned to be the right Title & Estate of the within named Thomas Staine his heirs or Assigns forever And at the same time came Mary Wright wife to the said Thomas & being examined apart out of hearing of the said Husband did freely & voluntarily acknowledge her right of Dower of the said Land to be the right of the said Thomas Staine his heirs & assigns for ever according to the Directiones of an Act of Assembly in such case made & provided Acknowledged before the Subscribers two of his Lordships Justices for the afd County

Chas Ridgely
Saml Owings

Riced this 22d March 1745 Twenty five pounds Current money being the full Consideration for the within Land & premses

Witness ____
Chas Ridgely

Thos. his T mark Wright

March ye 22d 1745 Then reced two Shillings Sterling for an Alienation fine of the within Land for the use of the Lord Baltimore by order of Benjamin Paekoe (?)

Thos Franklin

Recorded this fourth day of June Anno Dom 1746.

Brerewood Clk"

Thomas Wright's sale of the personal property in 1744 and his land in 1745 was probably in conjunction with his plan to move to the Virginia frontier.

Our Kin stated that 1763 Thomas Wright came to Bedford County from Augusta County in 1748 citing Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia: Extracted from the Original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800, by Lyman Chalkley ("Chalkley's Abstracts"). I believe this statement is based on entries at Volume II, pages 413 and 417, which stated that the Sheriff's Tax Delinquency List included a Thomas Wright in 1748 and listed Thomas Wright as in Bedford County in 1755. The Grantor and Grantee Indexes for Deeds for Augusta County, Virginia, have no listings for a Thomas or Mary Wright which show a purchase of land by them in Augusta County. Nevertheless, it seems probable that 1763 Thomas and Mary Wright left Baltimore County, Maryland, in about 1745 for Augusta County, Virginia, and that sometime between 1748 and 1754 they moved on to Bedford County, Virginia.

On October 28, 1754, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 1A/27 Thomas Wright was sued by Matthew Talbot, as administrator of the estate of Nicholas Haile, for a debt:

> "Matthew Talbot Gent. Administrator of Nicholas haile Gent. Decd. Plaintiff against Thomas Wright Defendant In Debt."

No Thomas Wright, other than 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County, has been identified in Bedford County at this time. This record is consistent with the move of 1763 Thomas Wright from Augusta County to Bedford County and establishes his presence there by 1754.

Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754-1761 by TLC Genealogy included the following additional material from that court order:

> "The Defendant failing to find Special Bail, and the attachment awarded at the last Court against his estate being returned executed on one bowl, on the motion of the Plainttiff by his attorney, it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendant, 13£ and one penny, the debt in the declaration mentioned, and his costs. But this judgment, except as to the costs, is to be discharged by the payment of 8£ 19 shillings, and 5% interest from January 8, 1745. And it is ordered that the Sheriff sell the attached effects and apply the

money arising from such sale towards satisfying this judgment unto the Plaintiff and that he also return an account of the sale to the Court."

Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759 by Robert W. Barnes stated as follows with regard to Nicholas Haile:

"Haile, Nicholas (5), s. of Nicholas (4) and Frances, was b. c. 1700 and d. by 1747; m. Ann Long on 25 Dec. 1723; an Act of the Assembly empowered Haile, William Hamilton, Samuel Owings, and Christopher Randall to purch. land and erect a chapel of ease for the inhabitants of St. Paul's Par., who lived in The Forest; this chapel later became St. Thomas" Church; James Slemaker advert. in the Md. Gaz. of 17 March 1747 that he would sell the land and slaves in Balto. Co. formerly owned by Nicholas Haile; . . . . Nicholas and Ann had iss.: . . . .Ann, b. 20 Dec. 1732, m. Col. William Mead in 1750; . . . ."

The combination of Nicholas Haile of Baltimore County, Maryland, who died by 1747, after the debt of Thomas Wright had been incurred and before the lawsuit by his estate on October 28, 1754, and who was connected with St. Paul's Parish, where two of Thomas Wright's children were baptized, and with a William Mead, who, as will be set forth below, was listed as a witness to Thomas Wright's will, is substantial confirming evidence that the Thomas Wright of Baltimore County, Maryland, was 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County, Virginia.

Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754-1761 by TLC Genealogy stated that on November 26, 1754, at Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1-A, page 38, the following court order was recorded:

"Mark Cole, Thomas Morgan, and William Morgan, are appointed to view a way petitioned for, from Nicholas Hails to Thomas Wrights, and make report to the next Court, the convenience or inconvenience thereof."

Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754-1761 by TLC Genealogy stated that on December 2, 1757, at Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1-A, page 229, the following court order was recorded:

"For Wolves Heads, date of certificate, by whom granted.
. . . .
November 6, 1757,
. . . .
To Matthew Talbot, Assignee of Thomas Wright for 1 ditto
. . . ."

Bedford County, Virginia, Order Book 1, 1754-1761 by TLC Genealogy stated that on April 27, 1761, at Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1-B, page 155, the following court order was recorded:

> "Cooper vs. Duguid -- (Jury to wit) David Rich, John Thompson, Thomas Wright, George Dixon, John Helon, Samuel Ridgway, John Bush, Giles Williams, Obadiah Patterson, William Roberson, John Abston, and Thomas Pulen, sworn to inquire damages, returned verdict for £20 and damages and judgment accordingly."

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright was dated December 15, 1762, probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9, and provided as follows:

> "In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Wright an Unworthy Member of the Church of England Though Weak in Body Yet of a Sound & perfect Understanding to make this my Last will & Testament and & I desire it only be Taken by all as Such Imprimis I Bequeath my soul to God my Maker Beseeching his Most Gracious Acceptance of it as to my Burial I Desire it may be at the Discresion of my Beloved Wife whom I Appoint my Ex'trix and John Board whom I Appoint my Executor with my Beloved Wife to have the Sole Management of my Affairs & as it hath Pleased God to Give me a Small Portion of Temporal Riches Itam I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary all my Estate Personal for term of Life after my Debts are paid which I Desire may be as Soon as Possible and it is my will that the Tract of Land Where I Did Live part of Randolphs Order may be Sold to pay all my Debts and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Cathorine one Shilling Sta: Itam I give & Bequeath to my Son John one Shilling Sterling: Itam I give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph one Shilling Sterling: In Testamoney hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal Dec'r the 15th 1762
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> Teste. his
> Wm Mead Thomas T Wright
> Isham Talbot Mark
>
> At a Court Held for Bedford County November 22d 1763 The Within Last Will & Testament of Thomas Wright Dec'd was Exhibited in Court by Mary Wright Executrix therein Mentioned and was proved by the Oaths of William Mead & Isham Talbot Witnesses thereto Subscribed & Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executrix who made Oath According to Law Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining a probate thereof in Due form of Law she giving Bond & Acknowledged the same with Securety for her due and Faithful Execution of

the Said Last Will & Testament According to Law Reserving Liberty to the Executor therein Mentioned to Join in the probate thereof When he shall Think fit

Teste
Ben Howard CBC"

The mark made by Thomas Wright on his will was the same as the mark on the Baltimore County Bill of Sale and Deed, strongly indicating the same person signed all three documents.

Since the law required that a will be filed for probate in the county of residence of the decedent, 1763 Thomas Wright was residing in Bedford County at the time of his death.

The admission of the will of Thomas Wright to probate and the appointment of Mary Wright as executrix was also recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 3/79:

"The Will of Thos. Wright Produced in Court by the Wits Mary Wright Exr & pd. by the Wits. & Exr. of the sd. Granted the sd. Mary she having complied with what the law in that Case required reservg liberty to the Other Exrs. John Wright the Heirs at Law Appd. Consent to the Probat of this Will"

The inventory and appraisement for 1763 Thomas Wright's estate was dated May 21, 1764, and recorded on May 27, 1764, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/12:

"The Appraisment of The Estate of Thomas Wright Decst

	£	S	P
To 13 head sheep	3	10	O
To 1 horse, 1 mare, 2 colts	24	0	0
To 17 head cattle	16	0	0
To 2 sows & 9 pigs	1	0	0
To 1 plow irons		12	6
To 1 grind stone		7	6
To 3 bells		16	0
To 2 iron potts	1	0	0
To 3 cow hides		18	0
To 1 mans saddle	2	0	0
To 3 ____ cards		7	6
To 3 Spining wheels	1	13	0
To a parcel of pewter	3	16	0

To small trunk		6	0
To 3 beds & furniture	22	10	0
To 1 looking glass		2	6
To a parcel lumber	4	11	6
	£83	10	6

Pursuant to an Order of Court Dated in November 1763 we the Appointed Appraisers According to the Courts Appointment has Appraisd. and found the above Account to be What is there set Down as witness our Hands this 21st day of May 1764

Pter Holland
Joel Meador
John Meador

May the 21st 1764 This is to Certify that the within Mentioned Subscribers has proved what they have Done According to Law Before me

Joseph Rentfro

At a Court held for Bedford County May 22d 1764

The within Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Thomas Wright Dec'd was Returned in Court and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Ben Howard CBC"

Prior to 1763 Thomas Wright's death there are no patent deeds issued in Bedford County to a person of the surname Wright. There are, however, two grant deeds, one to Joseph Wright dated September 26, 1762, and recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, page 81 ("D.B. 2/81") and one to John Wright dated September 20, 1762, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 2/83. The will of 1763 Thomas Wright listed two sons only, named John and Joseph, who were left one shilling each, an indication that they were either cut off as ungrateful children or previously given their share of their father's estate. The two deeds were part of a tract of 304 acres patented by George Walton on March 25, 1762, and then sold by George Walton to John and Joseph Wright. The legal descriptions of the deeds which will confirm these transactions will be discussed more fully below.

The logical conclusions to be drawn from this evidence are that 1763 Thomas Wright advanced his two sons their shares of his estate so that they could purchase their own plantations, that the sons purchased their land from George Walton, and that their father lived with them from the time of purchase in September 1762 until his death in about November 1763.

This conclusion is supported by the witnesses to the will of 1763 Thomas Wright and the named co-executor. The witnesses were William Mead and Isham Talbot. Both men patented large tracts of land around the Staunton River and Beaver Dam Creek, near where John and Joseph Wright had their land, as well as in other parts of Bedford County. The named co-executor was John Board who also owned land near the Staunton River and Beaver Dam Creek. Board's Mountain is also shown on Buford's map of Bedford County near the Staunton River and Beaver Dam Creek.

The reasons for believing that the Baltimore County Thomas Wright was the same person as 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County are several. First, 1763 Thomas described himself in his will as "an unworthy member of the Church of England", that is, the Anglican Church, and the birth records for Baltimore County Thomas Wright's two daughters were found in the Anglican Church records. Second, 1763 Thomas named his wife as Mary in his will and both the birth and deed records listed the wife of Baltimore County Thomas as Mary. Third, 1763 Thomas named in his will six daughters, two of whom were Elizabeth and "Cathorine," the same names as those listed in the birth records in St. Paul's Parish. Fourth, 1763 Thomas left only one shilling in his will to his daughter Cathorine, suggesting she was being cut off or had been previously provided for and, therefore, that she was at least an adult and the birth date of Katherine of Baltimore County Thomas would make her 26 at the time the will was written. Fifth, the two deeds for 50 acres of Turkey Cock Alley were for the same land, which ties a Thomas Wright with a wife Mary to Baltimore County from 1738 through 1745, which is consistent with the apparent move of Thomas Wright to Augusta County by 1748. Sixth, both sale documents in Baltimore County were signed by a Thomas Wright with a mark "T" and the will of Thomas Wright in 1763 was signed by Thomas with a mark "T". The marks were written identically and strongly suggest the

same Thomas Wright signed both. Seventh, the lawsuit by Nicholas Haile's estate connects Thomas Wright of Bedford County with the Thomas Wright of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland. Eighth, the Baltimore County Tax List for 1737 listed Thomas Right with a John Cemp in his household. Our Kin stated that Joseph Wright, one of the sons of 1763 Thomas Wright, married Elizabeth Kemp of Maryland. No authority or source reference was given for this statement, but it would be consistent with the family having lived in Baltimore County. But there is further support for a Wright/Kemp marital relationship. As will be discussed more fully below, there is a declaration by Little Berry Wright dated June 19, 1873, in which he stated that his great grandfather married a Miss Kemp in Maryland. In addition, 1815 Joseph Wright, the son of 1763 Thomas Wright, had a son Rite Wright and Rite Wright had a son Joseph Kemp Wright, known to his family as "Uncle Kemp".

Mrs. Lois Baird found a remarkable declaration and assignment by Littleberry Wright dated June 19, 1873, and recorded at Deed Book P, page 139, Meade County, Kentucky:

> "Meade County State of Kentucky, United States of America the nineteenth day of June A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventh Three,
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> I Little Berry Wright of the County State and Country aforesaid was born March the 25th twenty ____ day One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One in the State of Virginia near Bedford or Franklin County. My father was named Joseph Wright Jr. of Bedford County Virginia. he was a Son of Joseph Wright Sr. of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid who was my grandfather.
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> To the best of my Knowledge my grandfathers, Father was named Joseph Wright and moved from England to this Country before the Independence of the United States, and married a Miss Kemp, in the Teritory now Known as the State of Maryland and afterwards removed to what is now Known as Bedford County Virginia and lived there until his death.
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> My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott,

My Grand Father had five children by his first wife which was my Grand mother the names of which was Thomas, Mary, Milly, John and Joseph, The names of the children by his Second wife was named Aggie Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Mathew & Wright-Wright making twelve in all. My own father Joseph Wright Jr. married Mary Cook for his first wife and had three children by her, named David, John & Berry, his first wife Mary Cook was my mother, He married for his second wife Clara Drake and had one child by her named Martin G. Wright, He married for his third wife Martha Poggins by whom he had four children named Elizabeth, Frank, Louise and Mary.

Martin G. Wright son of the said Joseph Wright by his Second wife Clara Drake married Delila McCormick by whom he had eleven children named Poling (?) - Riley - Elvira - Polisty - Lucretia Minerva - Clarinda - Joseph Henry - Gilbert - Sanford - Delila -

My Grand father raised me from my infancy and I recollect well that my Grand father had in his possession a chest of papers that was sent to his father from England in reference to a large amount of money coming to him from an estate in England and that he employed a man by the name of Joseph Penuell to go to England and get said money for him but he failed to go to England claiming that he was taken sick and could not go, and gave the papers back to my Grand father who put them back in the Chest. I staid with my Grandfather until his death, and his son Mathew Wright and his Son in law James Mays administered on his estate and after the Sale was over James Mays brought the chest of papers out and stated that the whole amount of the Sale was not worth anything compared with this meaning the chest of papers -

I myself married Elizabeth Meadows on the twentieth of December A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen in Bedford County Virginia and had by her ten daughters three of whom are dead, the names of those living are as follows. Marinda J. Stith, Drucilla F. Fife, Rhoda M. Pearman, Luticia Stith, Elizabeth Hudspeth, Oney Stith, Crittera Heagan.

Attest L. B. Wright
H.C. Rawlings
R.C. Craycroft

Meade County Kentucky June the Nineteenth day One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy three. We the undersigned heirs of Joseph Wright dec do hereby apoint constitute and ordain Riley Wright as our legal and lawful agent and attorney in fact, to settle and colect to Sue or bring Suit and act for us, and it be binding in law as though we had signed them ourselves. to serch and obtain and get an estate that is in England coming to the Wright heirs and we bind Ourselves to pay to the Said Riley Wright all expenses that he may have to pay

out on Said business each paying his proportional part of said cost and Expences, that the Said Riley Wright may have to pay in traveling, Lawyer fees Records etc and all other expences that he may be at as witness we the heirs of sd Estate we set our hands and seals day and date above mention.

his
L. B. X Wright
Mark
Marinda J. Stith
G. D. Wright
his
G.(?) T. X Wright
mark
James A. Miller
G. M. Frakes
J. T. Yates
Jas. D. Heskins
W. H. Frakes
Daniel G. Frakes
Witness S.C. Malin"

James K. Wright
W. J. Ritchie
M. R. C. Wright
John Morris
William Lockard Jr.
J. H. Wright
his
S. R.(?) X Wright
mark

This document is clearly a reference to 1763 Thomas Wright and his son 1815 Joseph Wright. Although Little Berry Wright referred to his great grandfather as Joseph Wright, that is "To the best of my knowledge." The identification of the sons John and Joseph and the daughters Elizabeth and Dorcas are consistent with 1763 Thomas Wright's will. The names of the children of Joseph Wright are consistent with the will of 1815 Joseph Wright, set forth in the section on 1815 Joseph Wright below.

Little Berry stated two things which are significant for 1763 Thomas Wright: first, that his son Joseph Wright "moved from England to this Country" and second, that Joseph married a Miss Kemp in Maryland. The latter information is consistent with the Maryland tax records and deeds. The former information suggests that 1763 Thomas Wright also emigrated from England.

A second document found by Mrs. Baird included a further declaration in an assignment dated December 10, 1873, and recorded at _____ County, Kentucky, Deed Book _, page __, which provided as follows:

"This Indenture made and entered into this the 10th day of December 1873 between Marcus T. Wright and Nancy Wright - his wife of Hardin County, State

of Ky, of the first part and Thomas B Howard, of the County of Breckenridge State aforesaid of the second part - Witnesseth, That the said Marcus T. Wright - and wife have this day bargained and sold to the said Thomas B. Howard one full and equal fourth of an undivided interest in any money property or estate to which Cyrus J. Miller and his wife Rhoda Ann Miller might have been entitled by deed gift & devise or inheritance in fact or prospective or which either of them may own or hereafter be entitled from John Wright of England or the estate of said Wright in Great Brittain or the State of Virginia United States of America and any and all sources whatever and conveyed to the said Marcus T. Wright and wife, by the said Cyrus J. Miller and wife by Deed bearing date Dec 8, 1873 and the said party of the first part in consideration of the sum of $50 - receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do by these presents sell alien & convey to the said party of the second part one- fourth part in or to any property or money effects or estate to which they may now or hereafter be entitled by purchase or otherwise of Cyrus J. Miller and wife or either of them as the heirs of John Wright deceased in England or the United States of America & we do hereby pass by this conveyance the interest above named in the property estate money interest - & effects unto the said T. B. Howard his heirs & assigns forever.

In testimony whereof the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands this the 10th day of December 1873.

Attest	Marcus T. Wright
Gerry Adams	her
C. G. Strother	Nancy X Wright
	mark

This document might indicate that the parties now thought that 1815 Joseph Wright's father was not a Joseph Wright but a John Wright. However, the more likely explanation is that they had discovered somehow that 1763 Thomas Wright's father was named John Wright. This is suggested by the reference to "John Wright of England." The parties almost certainly knew that 1763 Thomas Wright had come to America and, therefore, even if they were uncertain of his first name, would not have referred to him as "of England." The conclusion seems fair that they believed that 1763 Thomas Wright's father was named John Wright.

In her letter dated January 10, 1981, Mrs. Baird stated,

"When Riley Wright went to England, he brought back a plate of Leeds Pottery."

There may be a Wright connection in Leeds, England.

Mary (____) Wright survived her husband, since she qualified as executrix of his estate on November 22, 1763.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Freddie Spradlin noted two further references to Mary (____) Wright. In Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 8/80 dated October 19, 1787, and in Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 8/85 dated October 19, 1787, William Spradling conveyed property described as "part of a tract of land Surveyed to Mary Wright and sold to John Spradlin . . ." Ms. Spradlin has traced the original survey of that land and its location in Bedford County. The original survey to John Spradlin was dated April 15, 1774, and was recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, Survey Book 2, page 335. The location of Jumping Run is immediately to the east of Beaverdam Creek and on Staunton River. This is extremely close to the land originally purchased by John and Joseph Wright, the sons of 1763 Thomas and Mary Wright on the Stanton River and Beaverdam Creek. Unfortunately, no date was given for the original survey to Mary Wright so we cannot know how long after 1763 Mary Wright survived, but it seems probable it was perhaps as late as 1774.

In his letter dated September 20, 1992, Mr. Robert Barnes stated that on January 9, 1723/24 at Maryland Calendar of Wills 5/202 Anna Mead, relict of Francis Mead, made a will naming her grandchildren John and James Boards, sons Benjamin Mead, John Mead, and William Mead, and daughter Mary Wright. Since John Board was named as an executor of the will of 1763 Thomas Wright and William Mead was a witness to that will, this evidence was suggestive that Mary (____) Wright might have been the daughter of Anna Mead.

In his letter dated October 29, 1992, Mr. Robert Barnes stated that the will of Francis Meed dated January 4, 1716, and probated on August 6, 1717, at Anne Arundel County and listed in Maryland Calendar of Wills 4/122 referred to his sons William, John, and Benjamin and his daughter in law Mary Wright. The term "daughter in law" was with the meaning of step-daughter. This record indicates that Mary (____) Wright was the daughter of Anne (____) (____) Mead by her first marriage.

However, in his letter dated December 31, 1993, Mr. Robert Barnes identified this Mary (____) Wright as the wife of Henry Wright and stated that Mary (____) Wright

was probably the daughter of Abraham Dawson and Ann (____) (Dawson) Mead, that they were married before November 10, 1700, when they both witnessed the will of Maurice Baker, and that Mary (____) Wright died on September 6, 1734, at St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The result of the above records and information is to leave undetermined from the Maryland records so far examined the maiden name of Mary (____) Wright and the names of her parents or the date of her marriage to 1763 Thomas Wright.

In his letter dated September 19, 1994, Mr. James Robinson stated that there was a marriage of Thomas Wright and Mary Sowry on April 26, 1726, at Leeds St. Peter, England. The date of marriage is appropriate for 1763 Thomas Wright and the place of marriage is consistent with Riley Wright's pottery, but further research will be required to determine whether this couple is the same as 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright were the following:

1) Elizabeth Wright, born on June 28, 1733, at St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland,

2) Cathorine or Katherine Wright, born on August 6, 1736, at St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland,

3) Mary Wright,

4) Abigail Wright,

5) Sarah Wright,

6) John Wright, born probably before 1745 possibly at Baltimore County, Maryland,

7) Joseph Wright, born probably before 1745 possibly at Baltimore County, Maryland, or in England, and

8) Dorcas Wright, probably Dorcas (Wright) Scott.

A. Elizabeth Wright

Elizabeth Wright was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The Birth Register of St. Paul Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland, listed the birth of Elizabeth Wright on June 28, 1733, at Baltimore County, Maryland.

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Elizabeth Wright as his daughter:

> ". . . . and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas . . . ."

The Littleberry Wright Declaration dated June 19, 1873, and recorded at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that Elizabeth Wright never married:

> ". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married . . . ."

B. Cathorine Or Katherine Wright

Cathorine or Katherine Wright was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (_____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The Birth Register of St. Paul Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland, listed the birth of Katherine Wright on August 6, 1736, at Baltimore County, Maryland.

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Cathorine Wright as his daughter:

> ". . . . Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Cathorine one Shilling Sta: . . . ."

The Little Berry Wright declaration dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that Dorcus Wright was a daughter of his great grandfather and that four of 1763 Thomas Wright's daughters married, one to a Smoot and had no children, and the three others to men named May, Day, and Scott:

> ". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the

only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott, ..."

C. Mary Wright

Mary Wright was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Mary Wright as one of his children:

". . . . and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas . . . ."

The Little Berry Wright declaration dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that Dorcus Wright was a daughter of his great grandfather and that four of 1763 Thomas Wright's daughters married, one to a Smoot and had no children, and the three others to men named May, Day, and Scott:

". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott, ..."

D. Abbigale Wright

Abbigale Wright was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Abbigale Wright as one of his children:

". . . . and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas . . . ."

The Little Berry Wright declaration dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that four of 1763 Thomas Wright's daughters married, one to a Smoot and had no children, and the three others to men named May, Day, and Scott:

> ". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott, ..."

E. Sarah Wright

Sarah Wright was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Sarah Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas . . . ."

The Little Berry Wright declaration dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that four of 1763 Thomas Wright's daughters married, one to a Smoot and had no children, and the three others to men named May, Day, and Scott:

> ". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott, ..."

F. 1803 John Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Elizabeth (Pate) Wright, And His Descendants

1803 John Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

As will be set forth below, there were three John Wrights in early Bedford County and the identification of 1803 John Wright as the son of 1763 Thomas Wright is based on several pieces of evidence. First, the only land owned by any Wrights in Bedford County at the time of 1763 Thomas Wright's death was that acquired by Joseph Wright by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/81 and by a John Wright by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/83. The Joseph Wright who purchased the land in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/81 will be clearly identified below as 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County. The John Wright who purchased Deed 2/83 had a wife Betty and the only John Wright in Bedford County who had a wife Elizabeth was 1803 John Wright, the son of 1763 Thomas Wright. Second, the land of 1803 John Wright was closer to Bedford County Deed 2/83 than the land of either of the other two John Wrights who were in Bedford County at that time. Finally, the identification will be further buttressed by a showing of the many interconnections between the families of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and 1803 John Wright of Bedford County through the Mays family and the absence of such interconnections between 1815 Joseph Wright's family and the families of 1810 John Wright and 1814 John Wright, the other two John Wrights of this period.

The place of birth of 1803 John Wright was possibly at Baltimore County, Maryland, based on the residence of his parents. As set forth above regarding 1763 Thomas Wright and his wife Mary, they apparently lived in Baltimore, Maryland, from at least 1733 to 1745 and two of their children were born there in 1733 and 1736. If 1803 John Wright was born between 1733 and 1745, it is probable that he was born in Baltimore, Maryland. However, since he might have been born before 1733, and it is not yet known where 1763 Thomas Wright resided before 1733, the place of birth of 1803 John Wright remains at this time only a possibility.

1803 John Wright probably lived with his parents in Baltimore, Maryland, until 1745 and then moved with them possibly to Augusta County, Virginia, and then on to Bedford County, Virginia, possibly in 1754, but in any event by September 20, 1762, when he purchased the land in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/83.

On September 20, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 2/83 John Wright purchased 152 acres of land from George Walton:

"This Indenture made this Twentyeth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Sixty two Between George Walton of the one part and John Wright of the County of Bedford of the other Part Witnesseth that the said George Walton for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine Pounds to him in hand paid the Rect. whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge hath Granted Barganed and Sold and by these Presents doth Grant Bargan and Sell unto the Said John Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land Containing one hundred and fifty two acres being Part of a Tract Containing three hundred and Four acres Granted to George Walton by Pattent Bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two in the Second Year of our Reign, Situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on Stanton River Begining at a White oak on the Said River aforesaid then Down the River to a Spanish Oak opposite to the Mouth of Levils Creek Thence one line a cross so as Equally to Devide the said Tract of Land Thence a long the Pattent Line to the First Station Together with all houses Edifices Buildings Yards Gardings Orchards waterways Profits Commodites Heridetements and appertenances to the same belonging and the Revirtion and Revirtions Rents and Prophets thereof and all the Estate Right and Title of him the said George Walton of in or to the Same to have and to hold the said one hundred and fifty Two acres of Land with all the Appurtenances unto the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns forever and the said George Walton Doth for himself his Heirs hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns that he the said George Walton and his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever Defend the Said Bargained Land to the Said John Wright and his Heirs and assigns from all Person or Persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the Said George Walton hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the Day and Year First above Written.

Signed Sealed & Deli-) Geo Walton
vered in Presents of)

Memorandum that on the 28th day of September 1762 Levery and Seizen of the within Sold Land and Premises was made Done and by the within Named George Walton to the Within Named John Wright according to Law.

Geo Walton

At a Court Held for Bedford County September 28th 1762. This Indenture and Memorandum of Livery of Seizen _____ Indorsed ware acknowledged by George Walton Party thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ben Howard C.B.C."

If John Wright was at least eighteen years of age in 1762 when he bought this land, then his date of birth would be probably before 1745.

On that same September 26, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 2/81 Joseph Wright purchased 152 acres of land from George Walton:

"This Indenture made this Twenty Sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and Sixty two Between George Walton of the one part and Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford of the other Part Witnesseth that the sd. George Walton for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine Pounds to him in hand paid the Recit whereof he Doth hereby Acknowledge hath granted Bargained and sold and by these Presents Doth Grant Bargin and Sell unto the Said Joseph Wright and to his Heirs and assigns for one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing one hundred fifty two acres being part of a Tract of Land Containing three hundred and four acres Granted to the Said Walton by Pattent Bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of March one Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Two in the second year of our Reign, Situated lying and being in the Said County of Bedford on Stanton River Begining at a Black Walnut Tree on the River thence up the Said River to a Spanish oak on the Said River Opposite to the Mouth of Linvils Creek thence one Deviding Line across so as Equally to Devide the sd. Tract Thence on the pattent Line to the First Station Together with all Houses and Edifices Buildings Yards Gardings Orchards Waterways Prophets Comadites Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the Same Belonging and the Revertion and Revirtions Rents and Prophets there of and all the Estate Right Title and Property of them the Said George Walton of in or to the Same To have and to hold the Said one hundred and fifty two acres of Land with all the appertenances unto the Said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns forever and the said George Walton doth for him his Heirs hereby Covenant and agree to and with the Said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns that he the said said George Walton and his Heirs Shall and will Warrant and for forever Defend the Said Barganed Land to the Said Joseph Wright and his Heirs and assigns from all person or Persons Whatsoever In Witness Whereof the Said George Walton hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year First above Written.

Signed Sealed & Deli-) George Walton
verd in Presents of)

Memorandum that on the 26th day of September 1762 Livery of Seizen of the within Sold Land and Premises was made Done and by the within Names George Walton to the Within named Joseph Wright according to Law.

George Walton

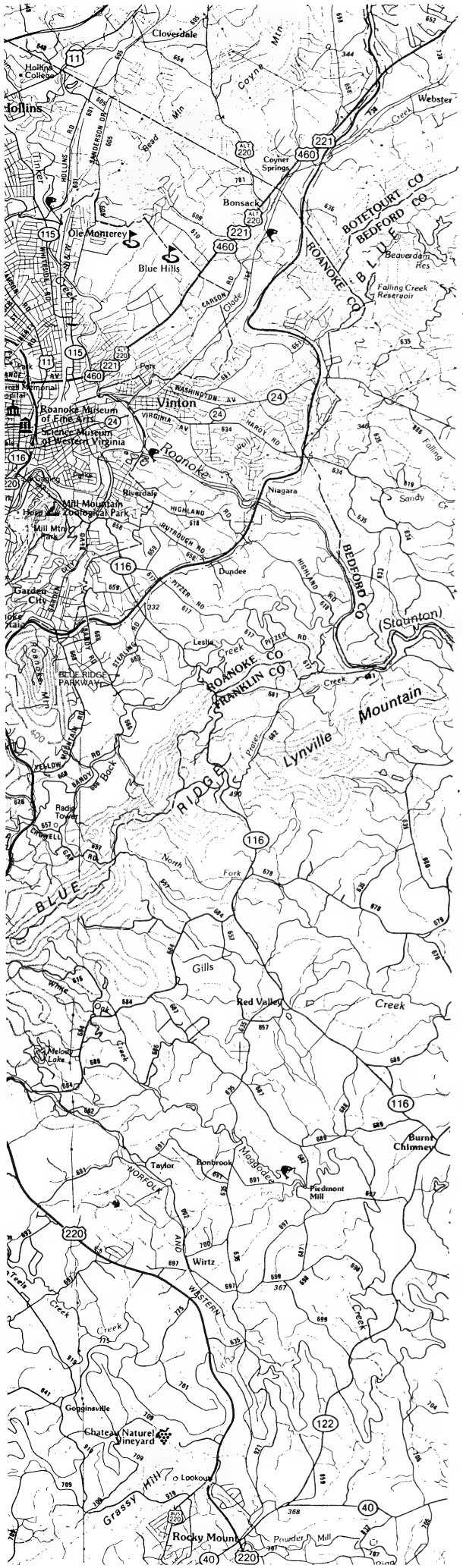
At a Court Held for Bedford County September 28th 1762. This Indenture and Memorandum of Livery of Seizen hereon Indorsed ware acknowledged by George Walton Party Thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ben Howard C.B.C."

The legal description in John Wright's deed is insufficient to locate the land on Staunton River. However, George Walton first acquired that 304 acres of land by Patent Deed 34/__ dated May 25, 1762, and that Patent Deed provides a sufficient legal description to locate Bedford County, Virginia, Deeds 2/81 and 2/83:

". . . . One Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Three hundred and four Acres Lying and being in the County of Bedford on the North side of Stanton River and Bounded as followeth (to wit) Begining at a black Walnut Tree on the River thence new Lines North one hundred and sixty two poles to a small Hiccory West three hundred and seventy four poles to a White Oak on Staunton River aforesaid thence down the said River as it Meanders to the first Station . . . ."

There is only one place across from Lynville (Levil's or Linvils) Creek where such a description would give a closed boundary for the land and that is shown on the maps on the following pages.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Falling Creek Reservoir
Vinton
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Science Museum of Western Virginia
Roanoke
Riverdale
Niagara
Mill Mountain Zoological Park
Mill Mtn Park
Dundee
Garden City
BEDFORD CO
(Staunton)
Leslie
ROANOKE CO
FRANKLIN CO
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY
Lynville Mountain
BLUE RIDGE
Radio Tower
North Fork
Gills
Red Valley
Creek
Melody Lake
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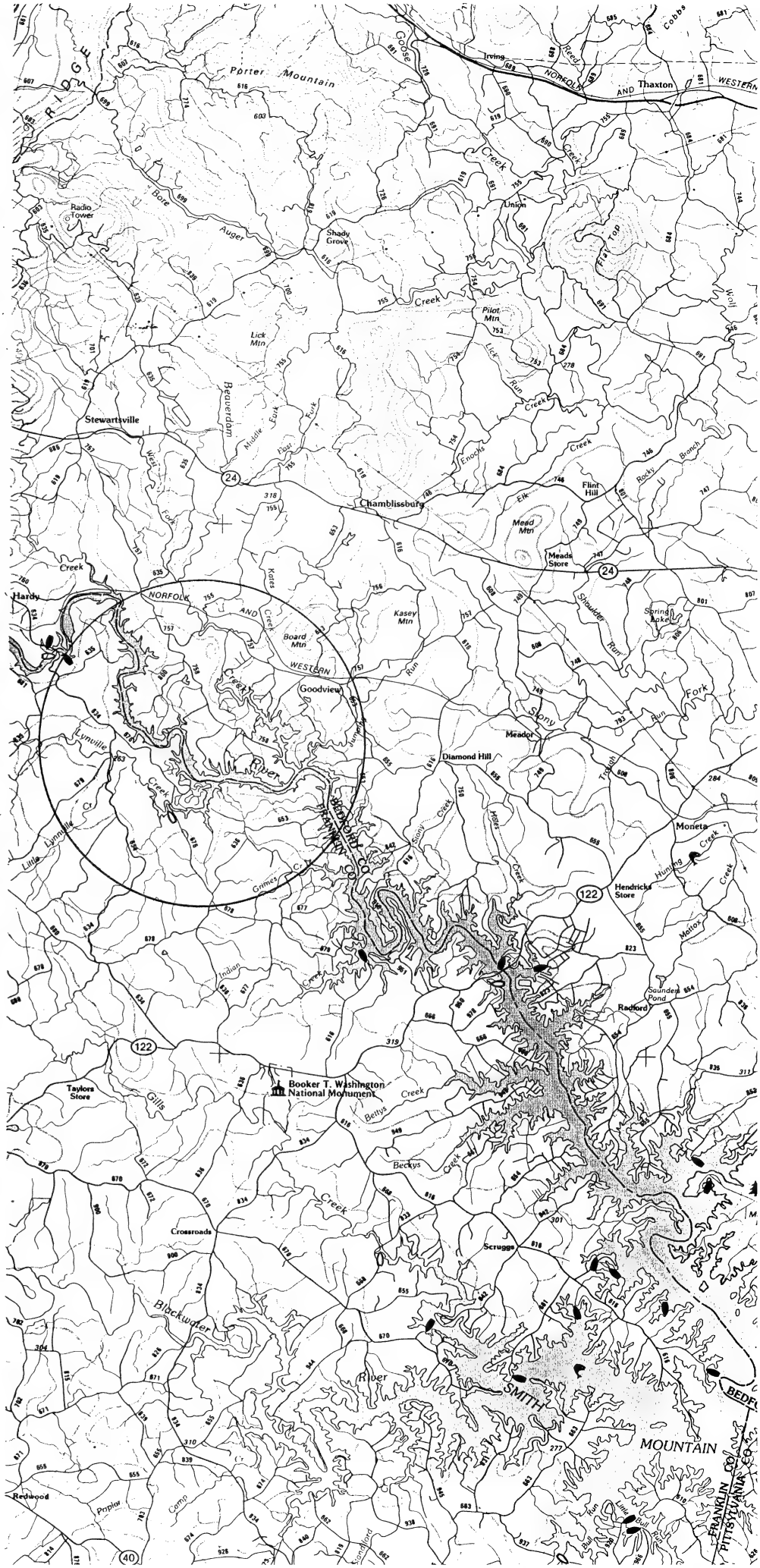
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Stewartsville
Chamblissburg
Flint Hill
Mead Mtn
Meads Store
Hardy
Kasey Mtn
Board Mtn
Goodview
Meador
Diamond Hill
Lynville
River
BEDFORD CO
FRANKLIN CO
Moneta
Hendricks Store
Saunders Pond
Radford
Booker T. Washington National Monument
Taylors Store
Gills
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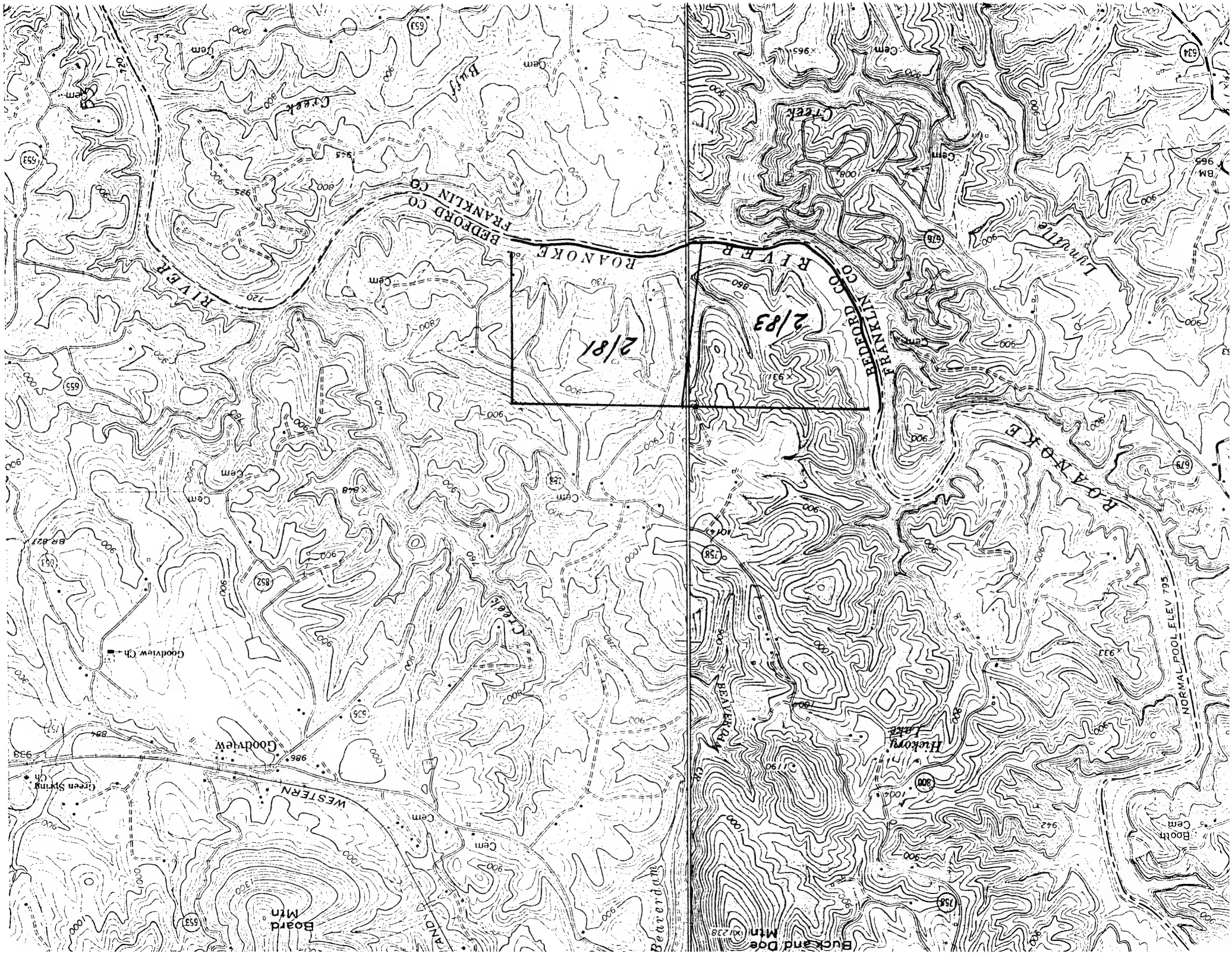

ROANOKE RIVER
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FRANKLIN CO
2/81
2/83
Buff Creek
Lynville Creek
Hickory Lake
BEAVERDAM CR
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
Goodview
Goodview Ch
Green Spring Ch
WESTERN
Board Mtn
Buck and Doe Mtn
Booth Cem
Beaverdam

Furthermore, review of the descriptions in Bedford County, Virginia, Deeds 2/81 and 2/83 makes it clear that Joseph Wright owned the right or easterly of the two tracts. The river flows from west to east and Joseph Wright's line ran from a corner black walnut tree up the river to a Spanish oak opposite Lynville Creek; John Wright's line ran from a corner white oak down the river to a Spanish oak opposite Lynville Creek. Thus Joseph Wright's land was down-river or to the east and John Wright's land was up-river or to the west. The exact location of the dividing line cannot be determined from these descriptions, but it should run from the mouth of Linville Creek dividing the 304 acre tract approximately in two and the map shows an approximation of that line.

On December 13, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 3/198 and S.B. 2/365 John Wright obtained a survey for 67 acres of land:

"Decembr 13th 1762

Survey.d for John Wright 67 Acres of land on the North side of Stanton River Begining at Jos Wrights Cor pointers, in patent Line, On Jos Wrights new line N 15 E 64 poles to a White Oak (off) N 75 W 98 poles to a Spanish Oak S 25 W 126 poles to a pine in Patent Line, on Patent line S 86 E 144 poles to the Begining

By Js Talbot Asst to
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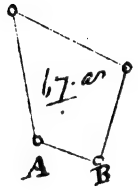
A copy of that survey from Bedford County S.B. 2/365 appears as follows:



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By Jos. Talbot

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9, listed John Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Itam I give & Bequeath to my Son John one Shilling Sterling: . . . ."

On February 27, 1770, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 3/390 1803 John Wright purchased 111 acres on Beaverdam Creek from Anthony Pate:

> "This Indenture made this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy between Anthony Pate of Bedford County of the one part and John Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Anthony Pate for Sundry Good Causes and Considerations me hereunto Mooving Doth by these presents Grant Bargain and sell unto the said John Wright after the Decease of me and my Wife Sarah one Certain track or parcel of Land Lying and being in Bedford County on Beaverdam Creek being the land and Plantation Whereon I Now Live and Bounded as followeth to Wit Begining at a Corner Maple on the Middle fork of the said Beaverdam Creek and Runging thence along Roland Whealers line to A Corner White Oak thence to a Corner Cherry Tree in George Waltons Line thence to a Corner Red Oak in Thomas Pates line thence along his line to a Corner White Oak Thence along Waltons line to a Corner Cherry Tree and Walnot tree Standing the aforesaid middle fork of Beaverdam Creek thence Down the said Creek to the begining and Contains by Estimation one hundred and Eleven Acres be the same more or less which said track or parcel of land and plantation the said Anthony Pate is to have peaceable and Quiet Possession and Injoyment of & During the term of his Life and Likewise his Wife sarah after the Decease of him the said Anthony Pate During the term of her life and after the Decease of us aforesaid the said Anthony Pate Do by these presents sell and convey the said one hundred and Eleven Acres of Land according to the true Intent and meaning of these presents unto the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever together with all houses Orchards Gardens fences Woods and underwoods Waters and Water Courses thereon standing Growing or being With all the profits Commodities advantages and appurtinances Whatsoever to the same belonging or in any Wise appurtaining as also the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof and of Every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold the Said Track or parcel of Land as above bounded with their and Every of their appurtinances unto the said John Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Anthony Pate for himself his heirs and assigns Doth Covenant and agree to and with the said John Wright his heirs and assigns and Every of them shall and may at all times after the Decease of us aforesaid Have hold use Ocupy and Enjoy the said land and premises free and clear from all manner of Incumbrances Whatsoever and the said Anthony Pate his heirs and assigns shall and will

Warrant and forever Defend the said Land and premises with the appurtinances unto the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever against all and every other person or persons Whatsoever that shall lay any Claim thereunto In Witness Whereof the said Anthony Pate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the Day and year above Written

Sign seald and deli- verd In the presents of

Anthony Pate

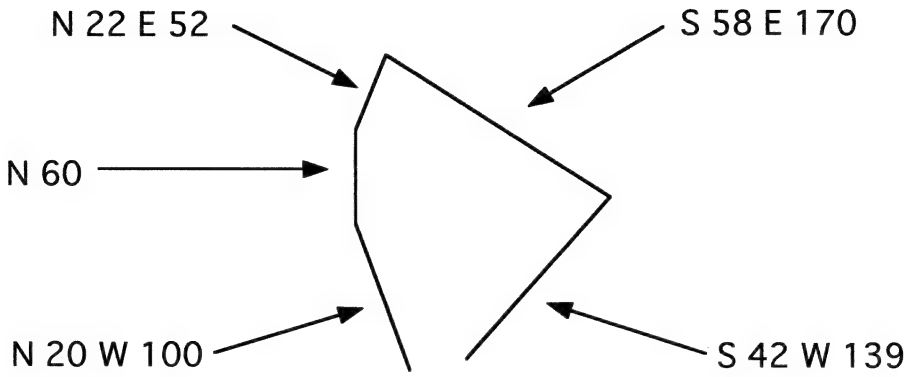
At a court held for Bedford County February the 27th 1770 -
This indenture was acknowledged by Anthony Pate Party thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Test
Ben Howard"

As will be set forth below, this purchase was from his wife's parents Anthony and Sarah (English) Pate. The legal description of that land is insufficiently precise to draw a plat of the parcel. However, by tracing the title of this land to the prior purchase by Anthony Pate in Bedford County Deed 1/114 and the sales of that original purchase by Anthony Pate in Bedford County Deeds 1/255, 1/257, 3/388, and 3/390, and then tracing later dispositions of the same land by Bedford County Deeds 4/443, 7/112, and 7/421, it is possible to determine that the parcel of land appeared as set forth on the following page. That tracing has been done in Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia by the author at pages 224 to 238.

Bedford County, Virginia

D.B. 3/390



On September 1, 1779, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/112 John Wright purchased 222 acres of land from Thomas Pate:

"This Indenture made this Twenty Seventh day of September one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine Between Thomas Pate of Montgomery County of the one Part and John Wright of the County of Bedford of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Pate for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ninety Pounds Currant Money of Virginia in hand Paid to the said Thomas Pate by the said John Wright Hath given Granted Bargained Sold and Delivered enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these Presents do give Grant Bargain Sell Enfeoff and Confirm unto the said John Wright and to his Heirs forever one Certain Tract or Percel of Land Lying and being in the County of Bedford on both Sides of the North fork of Beaverdam Creek being part of a Tract of Land formerly Taken by George Walton and by him Conveyed to Anthony Pate and Bounded by the Land whereon the said John Wright now Lives and the Lines of Isham Talbot George Walton and the Lines of a new Survey Lying on the said Creek (Now Likewise Conveyed by the said Thomas Pate to the said John Wright) it being the Land and Premises whereon the said Thomas Pate formerly Lived and Contains by Supposition Two Hundred and Twenty Two Acres be the same more or Less To Have And To Hold the said Land and Premises with the appertenances unto the said John Wright and to his Heirs or assigns forever and the said Thomas Pate doth hereby Covenant for himself and his Heirs that he will Warrant and forever Defend the said Land & and Premises with the appurtenances unto the said John Wright and to his Heirs and Assigns forever In Witness whereof the said Thomas Pate hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year above Written

Signd Seal & Delivered
In the Presence of us
Samuel Shrewsburry
Roland Wheler
Matthew Pate
his
John X Thomas
Mark
Tommy Wright

his
Thos. T Pate
Mark

Memorandum That on the day and Year within Mentioned quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seisin of the within Graned Land and Premises (Except a Quarter of an Acre it Being Excepted as a Grave Yard on the sd Place) was

made and Given by the said Thomas Pate unto the said John Wright according to the form and Effect of the within Deed

In the Presence of
Samuel Shrewsbury
Roland Wheler
Matthew Pate
his
John X Thomas
Mark
Tommey Wright

his
Thos. T Pate
mark

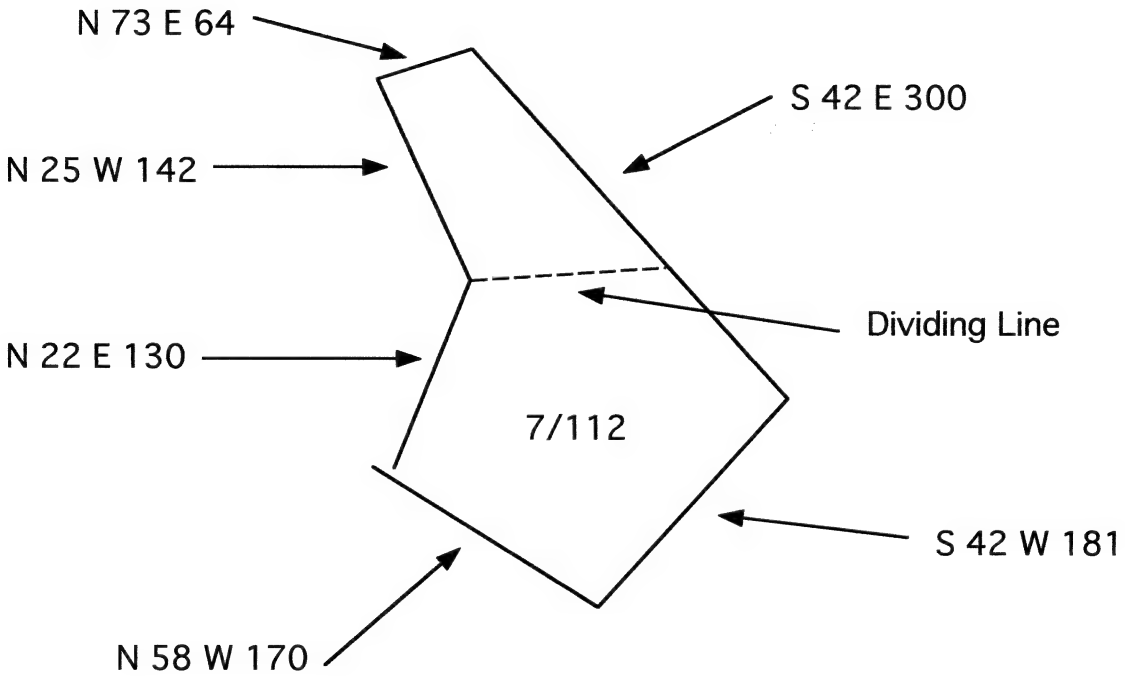
At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th February 1780. This Indenture and the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed were proved by the Oath of Matthew Pate a Witness Thereto And at a Court held for the said County the 22d October 1781 the same were further Proved by the Oath of Samuel Shrewsberry another Witness thereto And at a Court held for the said County the 22d day of April 1782 the same were further Proved by the Oath of Rowland Wheler another Witness thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J Steptoe Cl. Cur."

As in the case of Bedford County Deed 3/390, the legal description is insufficiently precise to draw a plat of the parcel, but by a tracing of conveyances similar to that done for Deed 3/390 it can be determined that Deed 7/112 was the middle portion of Bedford County Deed 1/114 and appears as set forth on the following page. The discussion and evidence for this determination are set forth in Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia at pages 224 to 238.

Bedford County, Virginia

D.B. 7/112



On September 27, 1779, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 6/329 John Wright purchased 270 acres of land from George Walton:

"This Indenture made 27th day of September one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine Between George Walton of the County of Prince Edward of the one Part and John Wright of the County of Bedford of the other parte. Witnesseth that the sd George Walton for and in Consideration of the Just and full sum of Fifty five Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand Paid by the said John Wright the Receipt whereof he the said George Walton Doth hereby Acknowledged hath given Granted Bargained and Sold and by these Presents Doth give grant Bargain Sell Deliver and Confirm to him the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns forever one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate Lying and being in the County of Bedford on Long Branch of Beaverdam Creek Containing Two hundred and Seventy Acres be same more or less Beginning at Evans' Corner Poplar thence along his Line South Twenty five Degrees East one Hundred and Sixty Poles to John Holladays Line thence along his line South Sixty degrees west Thirty Eight Poles to a Spanish Oak on David Holladay Line thence along his line South forty Eight degrees west one Hundred and Sixty four Poles to a Red Oak on Whealers line thence along his line North thirty four degrees west one Hundred and Eighty Poles to a Spanish Oak on Shrewsberrys line thence along his line North thirty degrees East one hundred and forty Eight Poles to a Red Oak bush in the Patent Line thence along the same South Eighty Three degrees East one Hundred and Ten poles to the first Station Together with all and Singular the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto Belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said John Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever To Have And To Hold the above sold Land and premises with all the appurtenances unto the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns forever To Have Hold use Occupy Possess and Enjoy the same with every Part and Parcel thereof to him the said John Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever To the only proper use and Behoof of him the said John Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever Against him the said George Walton his Heirs or Assigns and Against the Claim and Demand of all Persons whatosever shall and will by these Presents Warrent and forever Defend In Witness whereof he the said George Walton hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and Year first above Written

Signd Seald and Deli-
vered In presence of

Geo Walton

Memorandum that on the day and Year first within mentioned Quieted and Peaceable Possession and Seizen of the within mentioned sold Land and

Premises with the Appurtenances was given and made by George Walton to John Wright agreeable to he Tenor and Effect of the within Indenture

In presence of Geo Walton

At a Court held for Bedford County Septemr 27, 1779

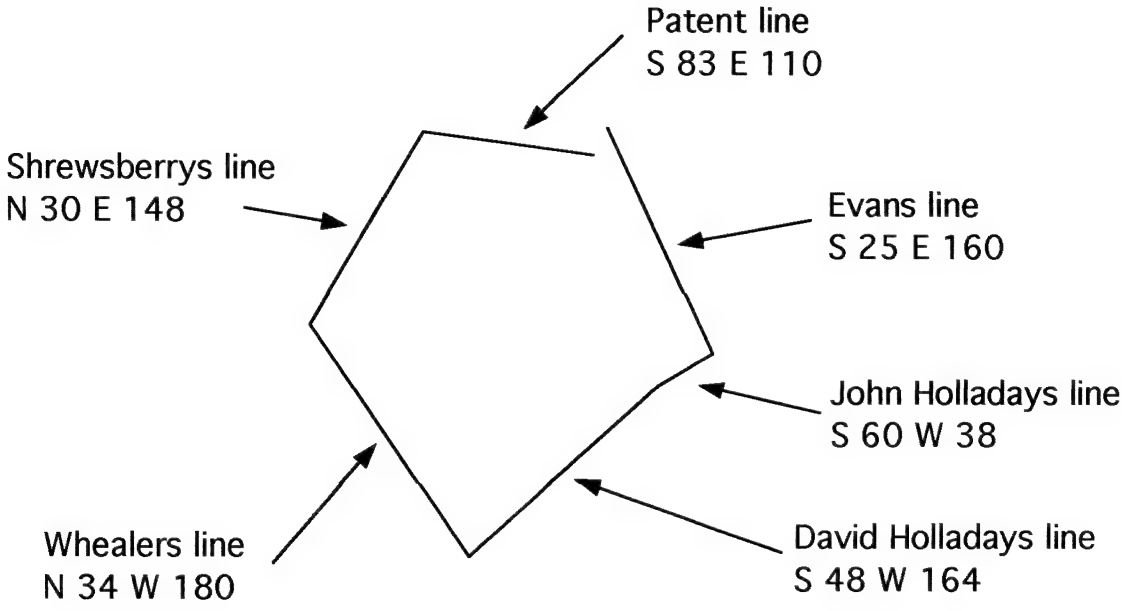
This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed were Acknowledged by George Walton Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste:
J Steptoe CC"

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

D.B. 6/329



On March 27, 1780, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 6/227 there is recorded the following order:

> "John Wright proved to the satisfaction of this Court that he served under Col. Byrd as a soldier in the year 1758 and was then discharged and that he never received any satisfaction in lands or transferred his claim which is ord'd to be Cert'd."

Since there were three John Wrights (1803 John Wright of Bedford County, 1810 John Wright of Bedford County, and 1814 John Wright of Bedford County) in Bedford County by 1780, it is not possible to identify with certainty this veteran of the French and Indian War. However, 1810 John Wright of Bedford County first purchased land in Bedford County by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 4/174 dated October 22, 1771. There is no evidence that 1810 John Wright was in Bedford County before that date. Similarly, 1814 John Wright of Bedford County first purchased land in Bedford County by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/642 dated August 27, 1765, and the Douglas Register and Goochland County tithe lists indicate that he was residing in Goochland County until about 1768. His daughter Mary Wright was listed as born on January 13, 1768, at Goochland County. There is no evidence that 1814 John Wright was in Bedford County before 1765. The result is that only 1803 John Wright was possibly residing in Bedford County in 1758 and, therefore, likely to have been part of Colonel Byrd's force. While 1810 John Wright or 1814 John Wright might have served while residing in another county, it seems more probable that 1803 John Wright was the veteran named in the court order.

On September 1, 1780, by Patent Deed E/612 John Wright patented 40 acres of land in Bedford County:

> "Thomas Jefferson Esquire: Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to all to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know ye that in consideration of the Ancient Composition of Five Shillings Sterling paid by John Wright into the Treasury of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said John Wright a certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Forty Acres by Survey bearing date the fifteenth day of November One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty six Lying and being in the County of Bedford on both sides of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at his own Corner red Oak on beaverdam Creek Aforesaid thence on his own Line

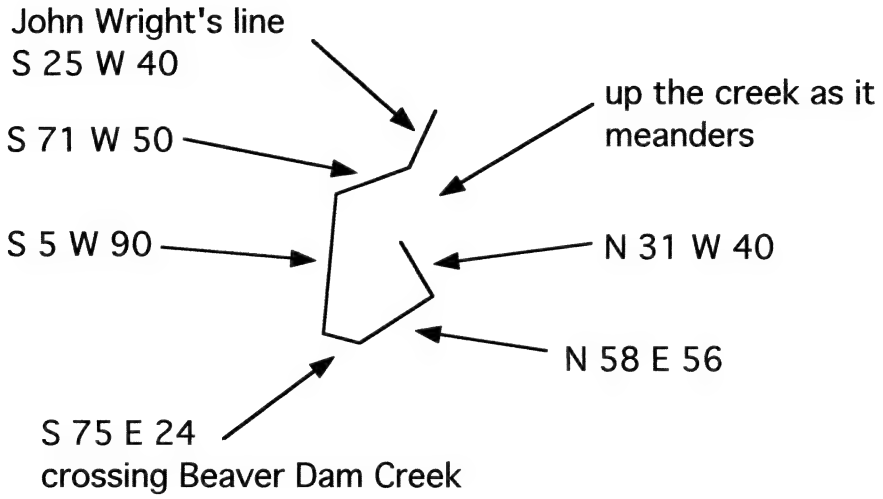
South twenty five Degrees West forty Poles to a White Oak in the said Line, off South Seventy one Degrees West fifty poles to a pine South five degrees West ninety poles to a white Oak South seventy five degrees East twenty four poles Crossing the Creek aforesaid to a pine north fifty eight degrees East fifty six poles to a red Oak North thirty one degrees West forty poles to a white Oak on the Creek aforesaid and thence up the same as it Meanders to the first Station, with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land, with its Appurtenances, to the said John Wright and his Heirs forever In witness whereof the said Thomas Jefferson Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand and Caused the seal of the said Commonwealth to be Affixed at Richmond on the first day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and eighty and of the Commonwealth the fifth

Thomas Jefferson"

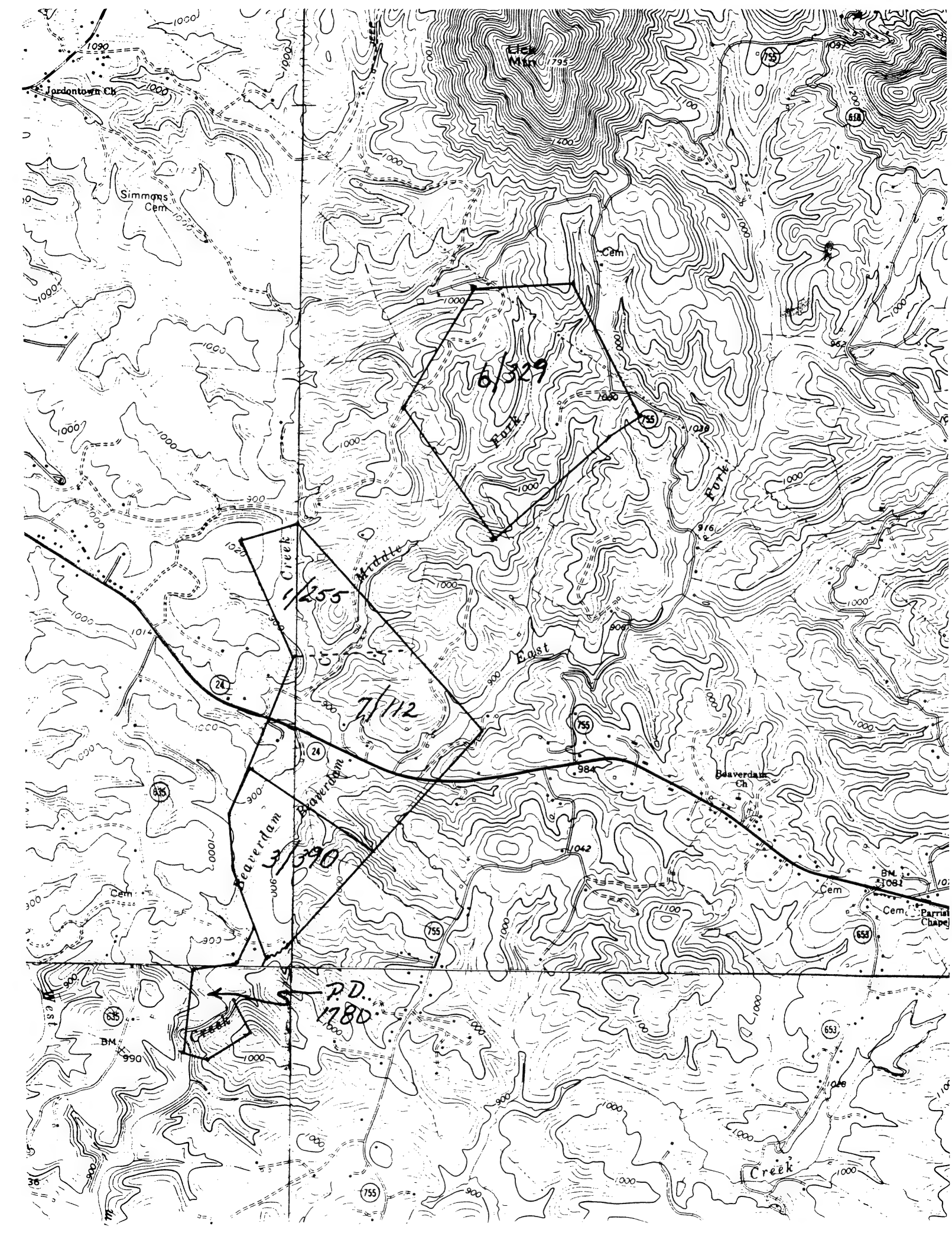
A plat of that legal description is as follows:

Patent Deed

E/612



The location of the land purchased by 1803 John Wright in Bedford County Deeds 3/390, 7/112, and 6/329 and in Patent Deed E/612 can be determined by tracing the disposition of the George Walton Patent dated April 11, 1767, for 3,928 acres of land and that has been done in Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia at pages 237 to 260. That tracing establishes that 1803 John Wright's land was located as shown on the following page:



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P.D. 1780
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Creek

Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 6/347A listed the following entry for payment to John Wright for provisions furnished the Army during the Revolutionary War:

> "John Wright pr'd that he furnished the sd Com with 475 lb Beef for which he is all'd 16/8 _____(?)"

Similar entries are listed in Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Books 6/353 and 6/359, but since 1803 John Wright, 1810 John Wright, and 1814 John Wright were all residing in Bedford County during the Revolution, it is impossible to identify which John Wright furnished beef.

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed four John Wrights and it is not yet possible to identify which was 1803 John Wright, although one was 1803 John Wright, one was 1810 John Wright of Bedford County, one was 1814 John Wright of Bedford County, and one was 1826 John Wright of Bedford County.

The 1782 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright Pates Settlement with the following property:

Name	___	Acres	Value Pounds, Shillings
John Wright Pates Settlement	4/4	354	75.
ditto Joining Shrewsbury	1/8	235	20.

This record reflects a purchase of 235 acres of land rather than the 270 acres described in Bedford Deed 6/329. As will be set forth below, John Wright later in 1802 sold 135 acres of that land to his son-in-law Henry Hurt by Bedford Deed 11/543. The Land Tax List was then adjusted from 235 acres to 100 acres, clearly confirming that the 235 acres in the 1782 Land Tax List referred to the 270 acres of Bedford Deed 6/329.

The 354 acres in Pate's Settlement appears to be an error and, as will be set forth below, was corrected in 1784, but with further confusion as to the amount of land owned.

The 152 acres of land purchased on Staunton River by Bedford Deed 2/183 was not reflected in this record because the land was sold by John Wright that same spring by Bedford Deed 7/202 and was probably not considered his for tax purposes.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed five John Wrights and it is not possible yet to identify which of them was 1803 John Wright.

The 1783 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, has not been located.

On April 22, 1783, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/202 1803 John Wright sold the original parcel of 152 acres on the Staunton River to Randolph Martin:

> "This Indenture made this Twentisecond Day of April one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight Two Between John Wright of the County of Bedford of the one Part and Randolph Martin of the same County of the other Part Witnesseth that the said John Wright for and in Consideration of Four Hundred Pounds hath Granted Bargained and sold and by these Presents doth Grant Bargain and sell unto the said Randolph Martin and to his Heirs and Assigns forever one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing One Hundred and fifty Two acres Situate Lying and being in the said County of Bedford on Stanton River Beginning at a white __ on the said River aforesaid thence down the River to a Spanish Oak Oposite to the Mouth of Linevil Creek thence one Line across Dividing the said Land from Joseph Wrights Land thence along the said Wrights Pattern Line to the first Station Together with all Houses Edifices Buildings Yards Orchards Waters ways Profits Commodities Heredements & Appurtenances to the same Belonging & Reversion and Reversions Rents and Profits thereof and all the Estate Right and Title of him the said John Wright of in or to the same To have and to hold the said one Hundred and fifty Two acres of Land with all the appurtenances unto the said Randolph Martin his Heirs and assigns forever and the said John Wright doth for himself his Heirs hereby Covenant and Agree to and with the said Randolph Martin his Heirs and assigns that he the said John Wright and his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever Defend the sd Bargained Land to the said Randolph Martin and his Heirs and Assigns from all Peson or Persons Whatever In Witness whereof the said John Wright hath hereunto set hand and Seal the day and date first above Written.
>
> Signd Sealed & Delivered) John Wright
> In presence of)
>
> Memorandum that on the day and date within Written quiet and Peasible Possesion and Seizen of the sd. Land within mentioned was made and given by John Wright unto Randolph Martin according to the form and Effect of the within Written Deed.

Signd Seald & Delivered) John Wright __
In the Presence of)

At a Court held for Bedford County 28th April 1783.

This Indenture Together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by John Wright Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ja. Steptoe Cir Cr."

On July 26, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 8/30 the following entry was recorded:

"Betty Wright came into Court and acknowledged her right of Dower to one Hundred Fifty two acres of Land in Bedford - sold by her husband John Wright to Henry Martin - & convey'd to Randolph Martin."

This acknowledgement clearly establishes that the John Wright who purchased Bedford County Deed 2/83 in 1762 had a wife named Betty when he sold that same land in 1782.

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed four John Wrights and one John Wright, Jr., and the John Wright who was probably 1803 John Wright had the following household:

Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg. Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
John Wright	1		1		1

Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Weals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
1	5	16		

The 1784 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Name	[Quantity of Acres]	[Average price pr Acre]	[Amount Valuation]	Tax at 1½ pr Cent]
John Wright	164	10	82.0	1.4.7
do	235	4.7	53.17.1	16.3¾

This record appears to reflect the 333 acres of land purchased by Bedford County Deeds 3/390 and 7/112 and the 40 acres of land patented by Patent Deed E/612 as 164 acres. As will be set forth below, 150 acres of that 373 acres was shortly given by John Wright to his son Tommey Wright, which would give a total of 223 acres. This inconsistency is somewhat explained because Tommey Wright was charged with 190 acres of land in 1784, but only received 150 acres. Apparently, the 40 acres of land purchased by Patent Deed E/612 and taken by Tommey Wright as part of Bedford County Deed 7/421 was counted twice and added to Tommey Wright's tax.

On October 25, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/421 1803 John Wright gave 150 acres of his land on Beaverdam Creek to his son Tommey Wright:

> "This Indenture made this 25 day of Oct. 1784 Between John Wright of Bedford County of the One Part, and Tommey Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth, that the said John Wright hath this Day given granted and Delivered and by these presents doth give, grant, Deliver Enfeoff and confirm unto the sd. Tommey Wright and to his Heirs forever, One certain Track of Land containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres be the same more or less lying and being on both sides of Beaverdam Creek, Including One Hundred and ten Acres of the Land whereon the said John Wright now lives and bounded as followeth Viz. Begining at a Red Oak on the Bank of the said Creek, thence North twenty Degrees West One Hundred Poles to Pointers, North Sixty Ppoles to a Pine, North twenty two Degrees East Fifty two Poles, Thance a dividing Line South fifty Eight Degrees East One Hundred and Seventy poles, Thence South Forty two Degrees West One Hundred and thirty Nine Poles to a Beach on a Branch, thence down the Stream as it Meanders to the Begining, also including a Survey of Forty Acres Joining the above mentioned Track of Land and bounded as followeth Viz. Begining at the above mentioned Corner Red Oak on Beaver Dam Creek, Thence with said Line North Twenty five Degrees West forty poles to a White Oak, Off South Seventy One Degrees West Fifty poles to a pine, South five Degrees West Ninety poles to a White Oak, South Seventy five Degrees East twnety four poles crossing the sd. Creek to a Pine, North fifty eight Degrees East fifty six poles to a Red Oak, North thirty One Degrees West Forty Poles to a white Oak on the Creek aforesd. and thence up the same as it meanders to the

first Station. To have and Hold the sd. Land and Premices unto the said Tommey Wright and to his Heirs forever, and he the sd. John Wright doth hereby Covenant for himself and his Heirs, that he will warrant and forever defend the sd. Land unto the sd. Tommey Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof the sd. John Wright hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written

John Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of October 1784.

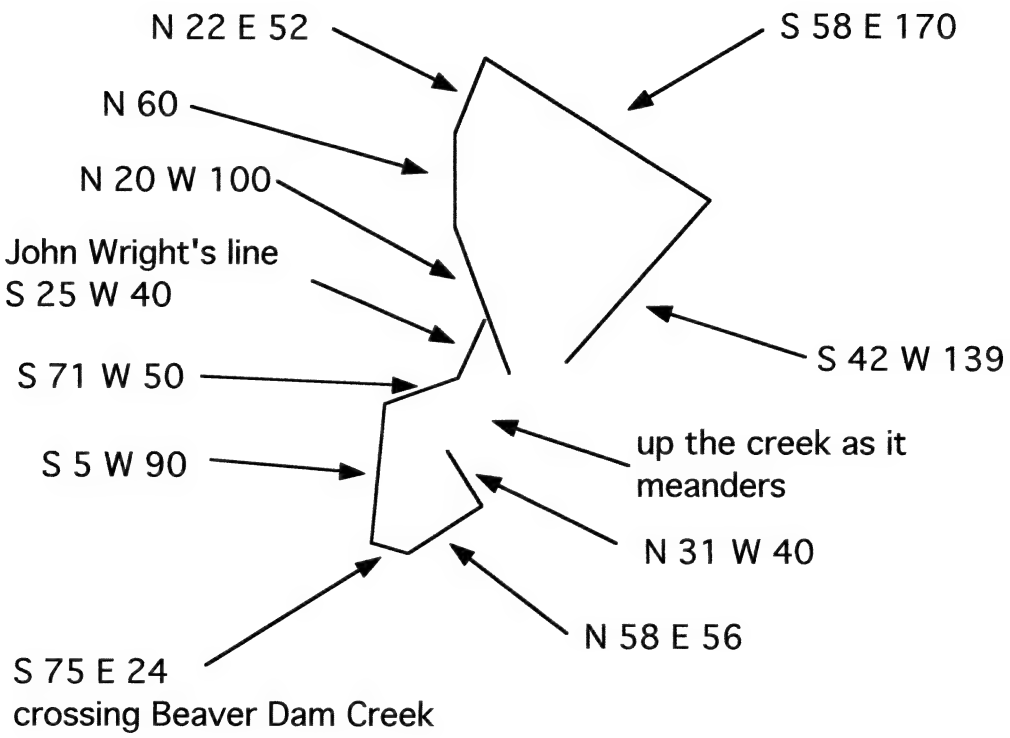
This Indenture was acknowledged by John Wright a party thereto & Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
Ja: Steptoe Cl.B.C."

The legal description erroneously described one line as "North twenty five Degrees West forty poles" when it should have read "South twenty five Degrees West." When this error is corrected, a plat of the land appears as follows and clearly identifies this land as that purchased by Bedford County Deed 3/390 and Patent Deed E/612:

Bedford County, Virginia

D.B. 7/421



The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights who were not otherwise identified and the one who was probably 1803 John Wright had the following household:

Person Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
John Wright	1		1		1

Total Blacks	Horses	Nett Cattle	No Wheals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
1	5	12		

The 1785 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Landholder	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1_ pr
John Wright	200	10.	100.	1.10.-
Ditto	235	4.7	53.17.1	16.3¼

This record reflects an increase of the land of John Wright after his sale of 150 acres of land to Tommey Wright. What evidently happened is that the total acreage actually acquired of 373 acres less the 150 acres sold to Tommey Wright and less the 40 acres of the Patent Deed was finally more accurately reported as approximately 200 acres (373 less 150 less 40 equals 183 acres).

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights, one 1810 John Wright and the other 1803 John Wright with the following household:

Persons Names	Total Tythes	Taxes on Covg Horses	Whites Over 21 Years	Blacks Over 16 Years
John Wright	2		1	1

Blacks under 16 Years	Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Wheels riding Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
1	2	6	12		

The 1786 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Land Holders	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1¼ pr Cent
John Wright	200	10.-	100.	1.10
ditto	235	4.7	53.17.1	16.3¼

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one John Wright in List A with the following household:

Date of Recg List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Number of White Male Tithables above 21
	John Wright	John Wright

No white Males above 16 Under 21	Blacks above 16	blacks under 16	horses Mares, Colts & Mules	Cattle	Carriage Wheels
1	1	2	6	18	

Ordinary Licenses	Billiard Tables	No Stud Horses	rates

This record is clearly for 1803 John Wright who resided in the southern part of the county from which List A was taken. A comparison of the number of tithes, horses, and cattle in this list with those in the 1786, 1785, and 1784 lists for each of the John

Wrights listed leads me to the identifications of 1803 John Wright and each of the other John Wrights in the county for each of those prior years.

The 1787 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
John Wright			200	10.0
Do			235	4.7

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at one & a half Per Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
53.17.1	16.3

On August 8, 1787, by Patent Deed 12/424 John Wright patented 67 acres of land in Bedford County:

> "Beverley Randolph Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that in consideration of the ancient composition of Ten Shillings Sterling paid by John Wright into the Treasury of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said John Wright a certain tract or parcel of Land containing Sixty Seven Acres by Survey bearing date the thirteenth day of December One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two lying and being in the County of Bedford on the north branch of Stanton River And bounded as followeth To wit Beginning at Joseph Wrights corner pointers in his own line thence on Joseph Wrights line North fifteen degrees East Sixty four poles to his corner White oak Off North Seventy five degrees West Ninety eight poles to a spanish oak South Twenty five degrees West one hundred and Twenty Six poles to a pine in his own line and thence On his own line South eighty six degrees East One hundred and forty four poles to the Beginning with its Appurtenances to have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtinances to the said John Wright and his Heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Beverley Randolph Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the eight day of August the Year of our Lord one

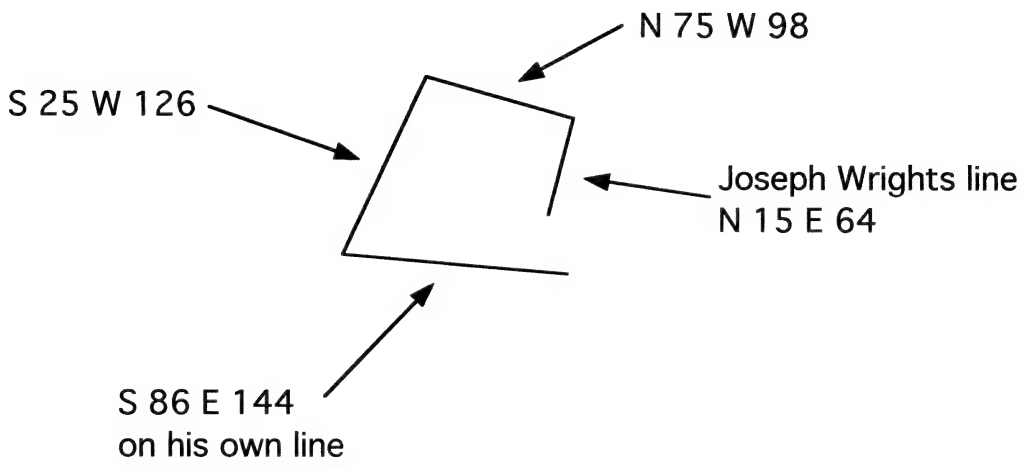
thousand seven hundred and eighty Seven and of the Commonwealth the Twelfth

B. Randolph"

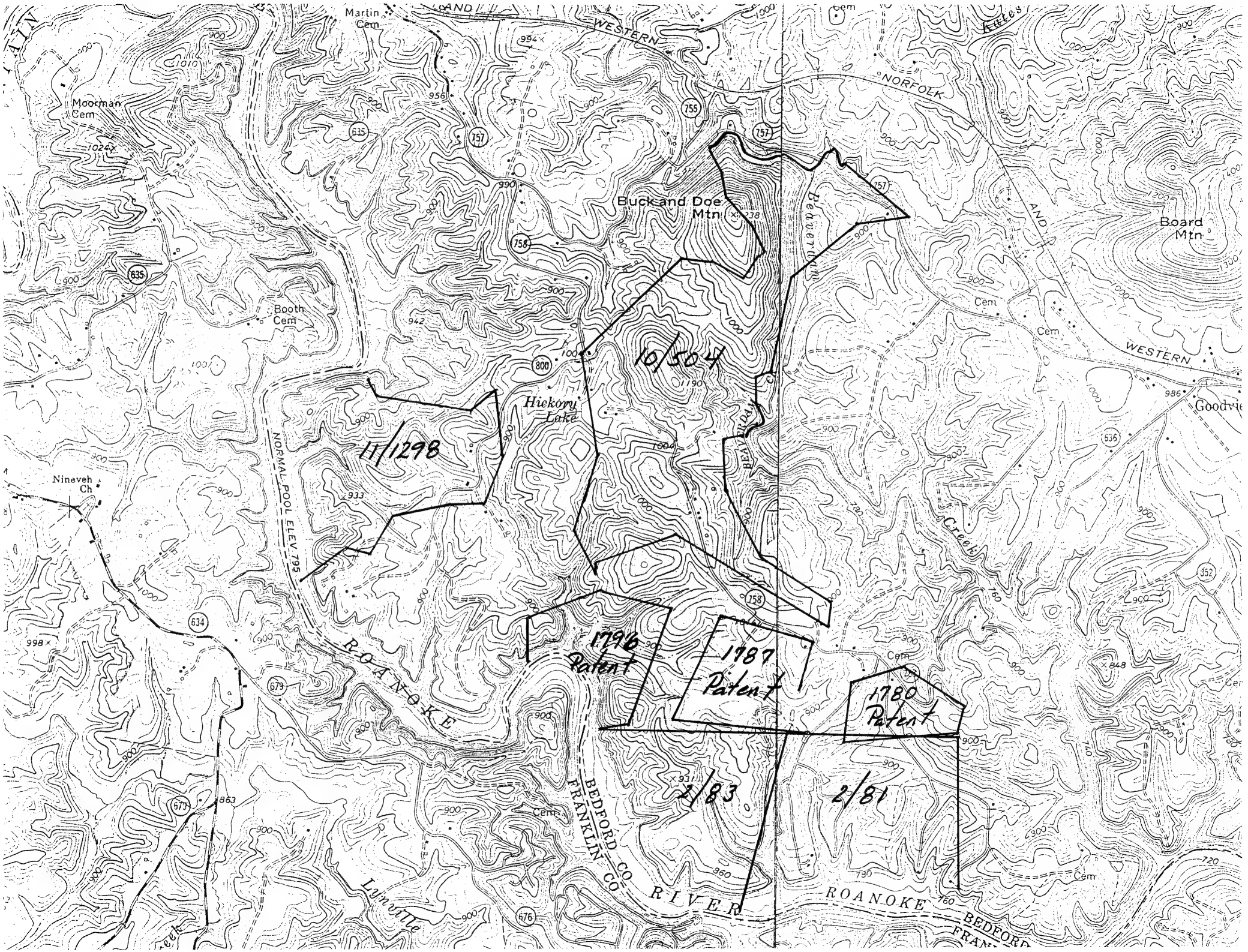
This is the same land as that described in Bedford County S.B. 2/365. A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Patent Deed

12/424



Since the legal description refers to its line running along "his own line S 86 E 144 poles", the same John Wright who owned Deed 2/83 must also have owned Patent Deed 12/424. The only location in 1762 which could satisfy the legal description in that patent deed is north of Deeds 2/81 and 2/83 and west of Joseph Wright's 1780 Patent Deed E/592. The placement of the John Wright's 1787 Patent Deed 12/424 is shown on the map on the following page. Although the plats of the deeds do not exactly coincide, I have included the surrounding deeds granted to 1815 Joseph Wright the shape of which seem to clearly indicate that the deeds should fit together. The consistent underestimation of distances in the surveys and deeds was probably due to the rugged nature of the terrain which is even today heavily wooded and undeveloped.



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ROANOKE
1796 Patent
1787 Patent
1780 Patent
2/83
2/81
BEDFORD CO
FRANKLIN CO
RIVER
ROANOKE
Lynville
Goodvie
Creek

In December 1787 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 9/131 the court ordered John Wright to view the way for a road:

> "Ord: That Dan: James John Wright & Archelaus Wheeler & Roland Wheeler or any three be Apd. to View a Way to turn the Road round Thomas Pates Plant. & make Rept."

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) in the Henry Buford District with the following household on April 30:

Date of receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Number of tithes white & black	Num-ber of blacks over 12	horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 30	John Wright (B.D.)	3	1	6

Carriage wheels	Ordinary license	Billiard Tables	Number of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothecaries & Surgeons

The reference "(B D)" was to identify this John Wright as the John Wright of "Beaverdam Creek" and, therefore, 1803 John Wright of Bedford County.

The 1788 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of land per acre	rates of land per acre
John Wright			200	10.
Do			235	4.7

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of lots	Amount of Tax at one and half per Cent
100.0.0	10.3
53.17.1	16.3

In September 1788 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 9/197 John Wright was ordered to settle the accounting for the estate of Henry Compton Martin:

> "Ord: that John Wright, Joseph Wright, Matthew Pate & Tho: Pate or any three be Appointed to Settle the Acco. Currt. of the Estate of Henry Compton Martin decd. wth. the Admx Sarah Martin, & Make Division of said Decedents Estate Accg. to Law & make return thereof to Court"

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) in the Henry Buford District with the following household on April 13:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Whites & Blacks	No of Blacks Over 12 years	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 13	John Wright (B.D)	3	1	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothecaries & Surgeons

The 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of lots	yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Lands	rate of land per acre
John Wright			200	10.
ditto			235	4.7
ditto			67	2.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3
6.4.0	1.10

This record reflects the acquisition of 67 acres of land by Patent Deed 12/424 and thereby identifies the John Wright listed in the Bedford County Land Tax Lists as owning 235 acres of land from 1782 through 1789 as the same John Wright who purchased the 152 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 1/83 in 1762.

On or about December 18, 1789, John Wright consented to the marriage of his son Anthony Wright to Elizabeth Mayse:

"Sir,

I do hereby give my Consent _____ you should Issue License for the Inter____ of my Son Anthony with Elizabeth M____

Teste John Wr____
tommey Wright
William Nemore"

In January 1790 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 9/339 John Wright was appointed to survey a road from Finlys Place to Beaverdam Creek:

"Ord: that John Wright be Appd. Surv. Rd. from Finlys Place to Beverdam in the room of Matthew Pate with the Usual Hands below said Creek"

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on March 16:

Dates of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Black & White	No. of Blacks over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 16	John Wright	2	2	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1790 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			235	4.7
Ditto			67	2.

Total amount of value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at 1½ pr Ct
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	10.2
6.4.0	1.10

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on May 2:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No White & Black	No. of Blacks above 12	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules
May 2	John Wright (B D)	2	2	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Apothecaries Physicians & Surgeons

The 1791 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Land p Acre S d
John Wright			200	10.
Do			235	4.7
Do			67	2.

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts £	Amount of Taxes at One & haf p Ct £
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16. 3
6.4	1.10

In February 1792 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 10/135 John Wright was ordered to view the way for a road from Beaverdam Creek to Liberty:

> "On the Petition of Sundry inhabitants of this County It is Ordered that Thomas Stith Job Martin, Haiden Trigg John Holliday & John Wright or any three be appd. to view a way for a Rd. turning out of Pates Road near Matthew Pates old Mill on Beaverdam Creek, then by George Scotts leaving his Plantation on the right Hand from thence the nearest and best way to George Simmons's from thence the nearest and best way to Joseph Huddlestons Mill on Bore Auger from thence the nearest & best Way to Liberty Town & report the Conveniences and Inconveniences attending the same."

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 25:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. of Blacks	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apr 25	John Wright (BD)	2	1	5	

Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No. of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1792 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wright			200	19.
Ditto			235	4.7
Ditto			67	2.

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3
6.4.0	1.10

On November 13, 1792, John Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Nancy Wright to James Asberry:

"Sir,

I do hereby Certify that I am willing you should Issue License for the intermarriage of my Daughter Nancy Wright with James Asberry & for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand this 13th day of November 1792

Teste John Wright
Tommey Wright
Willian Nimmo

To the Clerk of Bedford County."

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household on March 20:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Mar 20	John Wright	2	2	4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1793 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			235	4.7
Ditto			67	7.

Total Amount of Value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Ct
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	10.3
6.4.0	1.10

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household on March 14:

Date of receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes white & Black	No. of Blacks over 12 Years	No. of Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Carriage Wheels
Mar 14	John Wright	2	2	4	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No. of Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1794 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			235	4.7
Ditto			67	2.

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3
6.4.0	1.10

On January 26, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 9/473 1803 John Wright sold to Samuel Morgan the 67 acres of land acquired by Patent Deed 12/424:

"This Indenture made this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five between John Wright & Elizabeth Wright (his wife) of Bedford County of the one part and Samuel Morgan of the said County of Bedford and in the State of Virginina of the other part Witnesseth, that they the said John Wright and Elizabeth Wright for and in consideration of Twenty five pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Samuel Morgan the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said Samuel Morgan to him his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the said county of Bedford containing of sixty seven acres being a survey bearing date the thirteenth day of December 1762 situated on the north branches of Stanton River and bounded as followeth to wit, Begining at Joseph Wrights corner pointers in his own line thence along Joseph Wrights line, north fifteen degrees East fifty four poles to his corner white oak (off north seventy five degrees west ninety eight poles to spanish oak, south twenty five degrees west one hundred and twenty six poles to a pine in Wrights line and thence along his line south eighty six degrees East one hundred and forty four poles to the Begining station. To Have and to hold the said land and premises together with the priviledges and appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Samuel Morgan his heirs and assigns forever and they the said John and Elizabeth Wright do covenant grant and agree to and with the said Samuel Morgan his heirs and assigns that they the said John & Elizabeth Wright and their heirs &c the said land and premises unto the said Samuel Morgan his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend

against the claim or demands of any other person or persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof they the said John Wright & Elizabeth Wright hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of us

his
John W Wright
mark
her
Eliz X Wright
mark

Memorandum That on the day and year first within written Livery of Seisin of the within mentioned land and premises with all their appurtinances was made and given by John Wright and Elizabeth Wright his wife unto the within named Samuel Morgan according to the Tenor and Effect of the within written Deed.

his
John W Wright
mark
her
Eliz X Wright
mark

At a court held for Bedford County the 23d day of February 1795

This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon indorsed was acknowledged by John Wright party thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ja Steptoe CBC"

The grantors named in Deed 9/473 were "John and Elizabeth Wright (his wife)". Thus the John Wright who purchased Deed 2/83 in 1762 and who had a wife named Betty when he sold that land in 1782 also had a wife named Elizabeth in 1795 when he sold the land adjacent to Deed 2/83 which he had patented in 1787.

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright B. C. with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No. of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apl 28	John Wright B.C.	3	2	7	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1795 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			237	4.7

Total Amount of Value of Land Ex-clusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3

This record reflects the sale of 67 acres by Bedford County Deed 9/473.

On December 8, 1795, John Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Mary Wright to Joseph Hopper:

> "December 8th Day 1795 to the Clark of Bedford Sir you may give out liceings to Joseph Hopper and Mary Wright Receit from me John Wright
>
> test
> Anthony Wright
> Lewis Hopper"

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 23:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No of horses, mares, Cots & mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 23	John Wright (BD)	3	2	7	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1796 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			235	4.7

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 5:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses mares Colts & mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 5	John Wright (BD)	3	2	8	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1797 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
John Wright			200	10.
Ditto			235	4.7

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
100.0.0	1.10.
57.17.1	16.3

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on May 17:

____	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses Mares Colts and Mules	Carriage Wheels
May 17	John Wright (BD)	3	2	8	

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1798 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
John Wright			200	1.67
Ditto			235	.77

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every 100 __ & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34 of the rents __
334.00	1.27
180.95	.68

On May 31, 1798, John Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth Wright to William Corley:

"May the 31st 1798
To the Clark of Bedford Court

Sir Please to let william Corley have licence To Marry Elizebeth Wright Given under my hand the date above mentioned

John Wright
Teste
Alex. Brown
James Asberry"

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household on April 13:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No. of tithes	No. of Blacks Over 12 Years	No. of Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules
Apl 13	John Wright	3	3	7

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1799 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
John Wright			200	1.67
Ditto			235	.77

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every $100 & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34
334.00	1.27
180.95	.68

On October 7, 1799, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/938 1803 John Wright purchased 163 acres of land from John and Nancy Meador:

> "This Indenture made the 7th day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety nine between Johne Meadow and Nancey Meadow his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part, and John Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Johne Meadow and Nancey Meadow his Wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of One hundred and Sixty three pounds current Money of Virginina have given granted bargained and sold unto the said John Wright and his heirs one cartain Tract or parcel of Land in the County of Bedford and on the branches of fallen Creek and Beverdam Creek and containing one Hundred and Sixty three Acres be the same more or less and adjoining the Lands of William Andersons Matthews Pate Samuel Olerphent Ebenezer Brown John Pane and the Corsses as followeth to wit Begening at Wevers corner Pine Thence off South twelve degrees East one hundred & Seventy two poles to a Pine North Eighty three degees West Fortey two poles to a white Oak North fifty degees West forty poles to a white Oak South Sixty four Degrees West twenty poles to a white Oak North Sixty two Degees West Thirty two poles to a pine North fifty two degrees West fortey four poles to a pine North five degrees west one Hundred and Thirtey four poles to a pine in Summons Line on the said Line North forty three degees East One hundred and Thirty six poles to his corner Pine off South Thirty six degrees fifty poles to a Pine in Wevers line thence along the said line South five degees East One Hundred poles to the first Station, Together with all its appurtenances To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances unto the said John Wright and his Heirs and the said Johne Meadow and his heirs the said Tract or parcel of Land with its

appurtenances to the said John Wright and his Heirs will forever warrent and defend In Witness whereof the sad Johne Meadow and Nancey Meadow his wife have hereunto subscribed ther names and affixed ther Seals the day and Year above Written.

Signed Sealed and deli-
vered In presence of
Anthony Wright
his
James X Asbery
mark
his
William X Cauley
mark

John Meador
Nancy Meador

Merandum That on the day and year first within mencened quiet and peceble Prossesion and Siezen of the within mencened Land and primes with all its appurtenances was given and made by Johne Meadow and Nancey Meadow his Wife to John Wright acording to the effect of the within deed.

In presences of
Anthony Wright
his
James X Asbery
mark
his
William X Cawley
mark

John Meador
Nancy Meador

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of January 1800.

This Indenture of bargain & Sale between John Meador & Nancy his Wife of the one part & John Wright of the other was proved by the oath of Anthony Wright & James Asbury subscribing Witnesses. And at a Court held for said County at the Courthouse the 27th day of Febry. 1804. This Indenture was further proved by the Oath of Willm. Cauley another subscribing witness & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household on April 7:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12	No Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Apr 7	John Wright	3	4	7

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	No of Studs	Rates of Carrying

The 1800 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons names owning land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
John Wright			200	1.67
Ditto			235	.77

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Taxes @ 38 Cents for every $100 & Lotts $4.17 for every $333.34
334.00	1.27
180.95	—

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (B.D.) with the following household on May 4:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. Blacks over 12	No of horses mares colts & mules	Carriage Wheels
May 4	John Wright (B.D.)	3	4	5	

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering
	1	2

The 1801 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of land p acre
John Wright			200	1.67
Ditto			235	.77
Ditto of Meador			163	.57

Total Amt. of Value of land exclusive of Lotts	Amt of Taxes at 38 Cents for every $100 and Lotts at fifty for every $333 & 33 Cts
334.00	1.27
180.95	.68
92.91	.35

The change in the taxable land reflects the purchase of 163 acres by Bedford County Deed 11/938.

On April 12, 1802, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/543 1803 John Wright sold 135 acres of land to his son-in-law Henry Hurt:

> "This Indenture made the twelth day of April One Thousand Eight hundred and two between John Wright and Bettee his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part & Henry Hurt of the said County of the Other Part Witnesseth that the said John Wright & Bettee his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of $67 ten Shillings current money of Virginia have given granted bargained and sold unto the said Henry Hurt and his heirs one certain tract or parcel of land in the county of Bedford on the long branch of Beverdam Creek Containing one hundred and thirty five acres be the same more or less - Begining at a posimmion tree on a branch on Burtons line thence his line S 25 _ 146 poles to pointers on said line thence S 60 W 39 poles to a Spanish Oak on Watts line then along his line S 48 W 145 poles to a red Oak on Hollidays line thence N 34 W 82 poles to a black Gum on a branch thence up the branch as it manders N 36 E 223 poles to the first Station together with all its appurtenances To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land __ appurtenances unto the said Henry Hurt and his heirs

and the said John Wright and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Henry Hurt and his heirs will forever Warrant and defend In Witness Whereof the said Jno Wright and his Wife have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of ____

John Wright
Betsey Wright

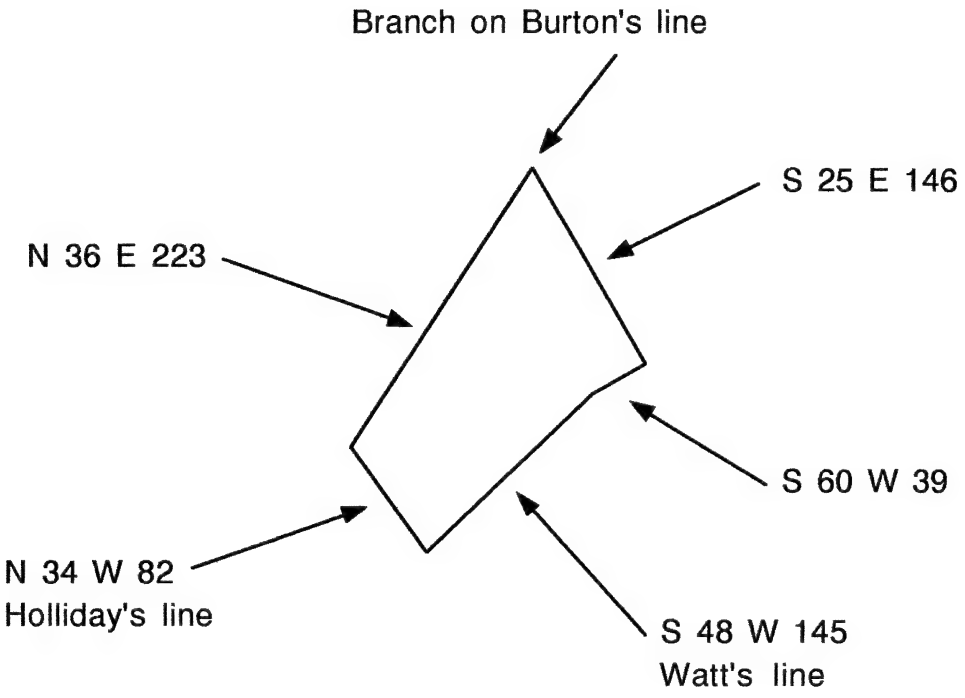
At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1802. This Indenture was acknowledged by John Wright & Betsy his Wife parties thereto - The said Betsey having been first priviliy Examined according to Law voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in and to the Lands and premises conveyed by this Indenture which is Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 11/543



A comparison of the plat of Deed 11/543 to the plat of Deed 6/329 makes clear that Deed 11/543 was taken from the southeasterly or right one half of Deed 6/329.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on August 21:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males Over 16	Blacks above 12 Years old	Blacks above 16 Years old
Aug 21	John Wright (BD)	3	2	1

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Carriage Wheels: Barouches Chariots & Post Chaises	Carriage Wheels: Other rideing 4 Wheel Carriages	Carriage Wheels: Riding carriages with 2 wheels
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The 1802 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land and Lots	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
John Wright			200	1.67
Ditto			100	.77
Ditto			163	.57

Total amount of the value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at Forty___ for $100 And $1.56 on $100 of each of Lots
334.00	1.61
77.00	.30
92.91	.24

The change in the taxable land reflects the sale of 135 acres by Bedford County Deed 11/543.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on August 18:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Aug 18	John Wright (BD)	3		3	7

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Coaches Chariots &c	Other riding 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding Chaises &c

The 1803 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Estate with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wrights Estate			200	1.67
ditto			100	.77
ditto			163	.57

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at Forty Eight Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
334.00	1.61
77.00	.38
92.91	.44

It is unclear why this was listed as an estate for John Wright, rather than under his name, since his death did not occur until after his will was written on August 11, 1803.

The will of 1803 John Wright was dated August 11, 1803, probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/13, and provided as follows:

"In The Name of God Amen. I John Wright of the County of Bedford State of Virginia Being in a very Low State of health, and knowing it is eloted for all men once to die do ordain this to be my Last will & Testament as follows (To wit) first I do give to my son Tommy my negroe man Call'd Tye to be his own property at my wife's Death Secondly I do give to my daughter Sarah one negroe Girl named Rachel and ten pounds in property to be delivered to her whenever my wife thinks proper, Thirdly I do give to my Son Anthony my negroe man Call'd Peter to be his own property at my wife's Death, fourthly I do give to my daughter Nancy Asbury one negroe girl named Let to be hers & her heirs's property for Ever, Also ten pounds in property to be delivered to her whenever my wife thinks proper fifthly, I do give to my Daughter Betsey one negroe Girl named Jude to be her own property after the death of my Wife, 6th I do give to my daughter Polley one negroe Girl named Hannah also Ten pounds in property to be delivered to her when ever my wife thinks proper 7th I do give to my daughter Rhoda a negroe girl which she now has in custody named Jane, 8th I do give to my Son John a negroe boy named Sam, and negroe woman named Milly, to be his property at the death of my wife, also horse saddle & bridle Also two hundred Acres Land being the whole of this Tract whereon I now Live, Ninthly I do give to my son Joseph a negroe boy named Isaac, to be his own property at my wife's Death Also Ten pounds in the hands of Henry Hurt, I do also give to him one hundred and Sixty three Acres Land being the whole of a Tract purchased by me of Jehu Meador Tenthly I do give to my daughter Ruth one negroe Girl named margaret, Also one hundred and thirty five Acre Land Securing (Joining?) Henry Hurt, Anderson Wheler and Elijah Clarke also one black mare, Bed & furniture I do further give to my son Joseph one mare & colt Bed & furniture, Also to my son John one Bed & furniture, Also to my son Anthony one Bed and furniture, Lastly, I do will to my well beloved wife all my money on hand or owing to me by notes Bonds or accounts (?), together with all my Stock of every kind, household and kitchen furniture with all my negroe that is grown for (?) her Life Time Then to be divided as above, whatever Stock should be on hand at my wife's death I do will shall equally divided between John, Joseph, & Ruth being my three youngest Children, I do appoint my Wife, my son Tommy & my son John Exetors to this my Last will - As witness whereof I have sett my hand and seal this 11th day of August In the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & three -

Sign'd & Acknowledged) his
In The presence of) John X Wright
Joel Shrewbury mark
James Johnson
her
Nancy X Lancaster
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of September, 1803.

This Last Will & Testament of John Wright Senr. Dec'd was exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Wright Tommy Wright & John Wright and proved by the oath of Joel Shrewbury & Nancy Lancaster subscribing witnesses, & ordered to be recorded, & on the motion of the said Elizabeth Wright Tommy Wright & John Wright the Executrix & Executors therein named who made oath and together with Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewsberry & Thomas Logwood their securities entered into, & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Ten thousand Dollars conditioned according to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereon in due form.

Teste,
J. Steptoe"

From this record the family of 1803 John Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: Elizabeth Wright

Children:
1) Tommy Wright,
2) Sarah Wright,
3) Anthony Wright,
4) Nancy (Wright) Asbury,
5) Betsey Wright,
6) Polly Wright,
7) Rhoda Wright,
8) John Wright,
9) Joseph Wright,
10) Ruth Wright.

The admission of the will of John Wright to probate was also recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 13/41:

"The Last Will & Testament of John Wright Decd was exhibited in Court by Eliza Wright Thomas Wright & John Wright the Exx & Exors therein named & Proved by the oath of Joel Shrewsberry & Nancy Lancaster & ORd. & On the Motion of the said Exor who gave bond & Secy accg. to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in Due form"

In September 1803 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 13/42 three appraisers were appointed to appraise the estate of John Wright:

> "Ord. that Matthew Pate Robert Nimmo Senr. James Johnson & John Holladay or any three be appd. to appraise the estate of John Wright Decd make rept. thereof to Court"

The Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of 1803 John Wright was dated October 7, 1803, recorded on February 27, 1804, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/26 and listed a total value of 953£, 13s, 5p, of which 450£ was for sundry negroes, 157£ for horses, 135£, 7s, 2p for cash and accounts among other items. Both the total number of items listed and their value indicate a reasonably large estate for the time:

> "By Order of the September Court of Bedford County to us directed to apraise the Estate of John Wright Decd. being first sworn agreeable to Law We proceeded to the business the seventh day of October 1803

To Sundry Cattle	£ 57	3	-
To Sundry Hogs	28	1	-
To Sundry Sheep	8	"	"
To Horses	157	"	"
To Sundry Negroes	450	"	"
To Cash and Accounts	135	7	2
To 5 Beds & furniture	37	10	-
1 Waggon and Geer	22	14	-
3 flax Wheels	1	14	-
2 Cotton Wheels		10	-
1 Shovel		7	6
1 Womans Saddle and Bridle	3	12	-
2 Mens Ditto Ditto Ditto	2	14	-
1 pair of fire Dogs	0	12	-
2 Meal Sifters		2	6
2 Riddles		2	6
2 Buckets		6	-
4 Water Pails		11	6
1 Washing Tub		2	-
1 Piece of Steel		2	6
1 Churn		5	-
2 Old Saddles & Bridles	1	10	0
2 Grind Stones		6	-
1 Cutting Knife		12	-
1 Loom	2	5	-
To Sundry Bags & Waggon Cloth	1	19	-

1 Bell & Cholar		4	6
1 Small Trunk		4	-
2 Halter Chains		9	-
1 Sythe & Cradle		12	-
3 Sythes		16	6
Plantation Utentials	6	15	-
1 Pair Stealyards	1	4	-
2 flat Irons		6	-
2 Hachels		10	-
1 Cubboard & Sundries Earthen Wear	5	-	-
1 Case of Draws		4	10
1 Trunk	1	4	-
1 Cross Cut Saw 1/10 One Rat Trap	1	13	-
2 Cases knives & forks		15	-
1 Chest		15	-
2 Tables	1	5	-
To Sundry Pewter	4	14	6
2 Tin funnels		3	6
1 Lanthorn & Coffee Pot		7	-
Trumpet & Candlestick		2	6
1 frying Pan		7	6
1 Brass Kettle	1	10	-
3 Iron Pots & Hooks	1	5	-
2 Ovens & Skillets	1	2	-
1 pair Tongs & Baker		12	-
6 Stone Jugs	1	5	-
1 Pitcher		3	-
2 Butter Pots		14	-
To Sundry Books	1	16	-
1 pair Saddle Bags	1	"	-
1 Looking Glass 2/. 2 Iron Spoons 3/		5	-
1 pair Pot Hooks & Stirrup Irons		2	6
2 pair of Shears		3	6
2 Slates 8/ Shot Gun 20/	1	8	-
1 Bottle of Spirits Turpentine		4	-
2 Bottles		1	9
6 pair of Cards	1	0	0
	£953	13	5

Robert Nimmo
John Holladay
James Johnson

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of February 1804 - This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of John Wright decd. was exhibited in Court & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on July 28:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
July 28	Elizabeth Wright			3	5

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The 1804 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright's Estate with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Pr Acre
John Wright's Estate			200	1.67
ditto			100	.77
ditto			163	.57

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent thereof
334.00	1.61
77.00	.38
92.91	.44

This record clearly identifies the John Wright who owned 200 and 235 acres of land in the Land Tax Lists from 1782 and after as 1803 John Wright of Bedford County.

Elizabeth (____) Wright has been identified above as the wife of 1803 John Wright based on the statements made in the proof of his will at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/13, Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 9/473, and the acknowledgement recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 8/30. No marriage bond has as yet been found for John Wright and Elizabeth (____) Wright.

The parents of Elizabeth (____) Wright were probably Anthony Pate and Sarah (English) Pate. The DAR Patriot Index listed the wife of 1803 John Wright as Elizabeth Pate Wright, but I have been unable to ascertain the source of this statement. It was probably derived from a document submitted by Lula Eastman Jeter Parker who had the same notation inserted in a copy of her book Our Kin, but without a source reference, other than the one discussed in the next paragraph.

One piece of evidence strongly supporting the assertion that 1803 John's wife was a Pate is Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 3/390 in which Anthony Pate and his wife Sarah granted land to 1803 John Wright, but only after their deaths. That is the sort of arrangement one would expect to find among members of a family and not among unrelated parties. There was no will in Bedford County for an Anthony Pate and the probate documents for the surname Pate do not include a reference to Elizabeth Wright.

Although no marriage bond has yet been found, the date of marriage can be estimated as probably before 1764 and probably at Bedford County, Virginia. The date of marriage is based on the date of birth of their oldest child Tommey. As set forth below, Tommey Wright was born probably between 1760 and 1764, possibly about 1763.

The place of marriage is based on the residence of 1803 John Wright and of Elizabeth (Pate) Wright's parents. 1803 John had purchased his land in Bedford County in 1762. Elizabeth's parents Anthony and Sarah Pate had purchased land in Bedford County by Deed 1/114 dated September 5, 1756, and sold land to 1803 John Wright by Deed 3/390 dated February 27, 1770. They were clearly resident in Bedford

County during the early 1760's when their daughter Elizabeth Pate married 1803 John Wright. Since both 1803 John Wright and Elizabeth Pate were resident in Bedford County at the probable time of marriage, it probably occurred there.

As set forth above, Elizabeth Wright was appointed one of three executors of her husband's estate on September 26, 1803, in Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/13. 1803 John Wright left her a life estate in his slaves Tye, Peter, Jude, Sam, Milly, and Isaac as well as in certain tangible and intangible property not otherwise disposed of. Her interest in these slaves resulted in a number of recorded documents set forth below.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
March 25	Elizabeth Wright			3

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1805 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright's Estate with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
John Wrights Estate			200	1.67
Ditto			100	.77
Ditto			163	.57

Total Amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
334.00	1.61
77.00	.38
92.91	.44

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on April 19:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years Old	Blacks above 16 years Old
April 19	Elizabeth Wright			3

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1806 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
John Wrights Est			200	1.67
ditto			100	.77
ditto			163	.57

Total amount of the value of Land Exclusive of lots	Amount of the Tax at 48 Cents for $100 worth & $1.56 Cts on $100 of the rent of lots
334.00	1.61
77.00	.38
92.91	.44

On August 18, 1806, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/127 the relinquishment of dower of Nancy Meador with regard to the sale of 163 acres of land in Bedford County Deed 11/938 was filed:

"The Common Wealth of Virginia to John Walker and Samuel Allen, Gent Justices of the County of Breckenridge County and State of Kentucky greeting Whereas John Meador & Nancy his Wife by their certain Indenture of bargain & Sale bearing Date the 7 day of October 1799 have sold and conveyed unto John Wright the fee simple Estate of 163 acres of Land lying and being in the County of Bedford and Whereas the said Nancy cannot conveniently travel to Our Court of Our County of Bedford aforesaid. Therefore we give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive such Acknowledgment as the said Nancy shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereunto Annexed, and we do require you that you do personally go to the said Nancy & examine her privily & part from the said John Meador her Husband whether she did willingly sign and Seal the said Indenture, and doth now Acknowledge the same, without the persuasions or threats of her said husband and whether she be willing it should be recorded in our Court of Our said County - And when you have received her Acknowledgment & examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly & Openly Certify us thereof in Our said Court, render your Seals, sending then there the said Indenture & this writ - Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 2d day of October 1805.

In the 30th year of Our foundation

J. Steptoe

State of Kentucky Brackenridge County to wit

Agreeable to the Command of the within writs, We the Subscribers having privily examined the within named Nancy Meador apart from her said husband as the Law directs, she declared that she freely & voluntarily and without the threats or persuasions of her said husband Signed & Sealed the Indenture of bargain & Sale hereto annexed and consented that the same might be recorded in the County Court of Bedford County where the Land is - Given under Our hands & Seals as Justices of the County & State aforesaid this 18th day of August One Thousand eight hundred & six

John Walker
Saml. Allen

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of September 1806 This Commission was returned executed & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Property	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 under 16	Blacks above 16	Horses Mares Coults & Mules	Other Taxable Property in Manuscript
Elizabeth Wright		1	3	4	

The 1807 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total amount of the Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Total Amt. of Tax on Lots & Land
John Wrights Est	200	1.67	334.00	1.61
ditto	100	.77	77.00	.38
ditto	163	.57	92.91	.44

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household:

Persons Names 1 March 1809	No Whites Over 16 years old	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 under 16	Horses	Other Taxable property mentioned in manuscript
Elizabeth Wright		3	1	5	

The 1809 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive Of Lots
John Wrights Est	200	1.67	334.00
ditto	100	.77	77.00

This record reflects the sale or distribution of the 163 acre parcel of land in 1808 or 1809, but I have not as yet located the document for that transfer. This land was given by 1803 John Wright's will to his son Joseph Wright. On September 19, 1806, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/102 that same land was sold by Joseph Wright and his wife Aga to his brother Anthony Wright. The land was apparently deemed distributed to Joseph Wright by recording the will and no further document of transfer from the estate of 1803 John Wright to Joseph Wright was filed.

In 1809, and probably September 1809, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/477 Elizabeth Wright registered a list of the slaves given to her by 1803 John Wright's will:

> "A Register of Slaves held by Elizabeth Wright agreeable to the Will of John Wright Dec'd -- Tye a fellow supposed to be 24 years old - Peter a fellow supposed to be 23. Jude a girl about Fifteen years old - Milley a woman about 32 years old - Sam a boy about eleven years old - Jesse a boy about 5 years old - Nicholas a boy about 3 years old - Moly a boy about one year old. Children of Milley.
>
> Elizabeth Wright"

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List and the 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list an Elizabeth Wright, but the 1810 Census did list a woman over 45 years of age in the John Wright household. This was the household of Elizabeth (Pate) Wright's son 1840 John Wright and indicates that they were then residing together. This conclusion is confirmed from the lawsuit between them discussed more fully below.

The 1810 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Owners of Land 1810	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of the Value Of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots and Land
John Wrights Est	200	1.67	334.00	4.61
do	100	.77	77.00	.38

The 1811 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons names Owning Lots & Lands 1811	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of Value of Land excluding Lots	Total Tax On Lots and Land
John Wrights Est	200	1.67	334.00	1.61

This record reflects the sale or distribution of the 100 acre parcel of land in 1810 or 1811, but I have not as yet located the document for that transfer. This land was given by 1803 John Wright's will to his daughter Ruth (Wright) McGeorge. Although no record of a sale of that land by Ruth (Wright) McGeorge or her husband William McGeorge has yet been located, the land was apparently deemed distributed to Ruth Wright by recording the will and no further document of transfer from the estate of 1803 John Wright to Ruth Wright was filed.

The 1812 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land 1812	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount the Value Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	Location Lots & Land
John Wrights Est	220	1.67	367.40	1.76	Beaver Dam

This record reflects an adjustment of the acreage of the remaining parcel in the estate and perhaps a correction of the understatement of acreage commencing in 1782.

The 1813 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights (estate) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Lots & Land	Quan- tity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	
John Wrights (estate)	220	1.67	367.40	2.35	on Bever Dam

In 1813, and probably September 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 14/83 Elizabeth Wright recorded the birth of slave Lucy:

"A List of Slaves born since former list delivered belonging to Elizabeth Wright Widow of John Wright Dec'd viz Lucy child of Jude born 4th of April 1812

Elizabeth Wright"

The 1814 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights est with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Tpwn Lots	Name of the Town
John Wrights est		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		220	Beaverdam; Adjg Tommy Wright Wm McGeorge

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total Of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17W	1.67	367.40	3.13		

The 1815 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights est with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
John Wrights est		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		220	Beaverdam adjg Tommy Wright &c

Distance& Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17W	1.67	367.40	3.13		

The 1816 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights est with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
John Wrights est		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		220	On Same adj Tommy Wright &c

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes on Land & Lots	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17W	—	—	—		

After this date the 220 acres of land of 1803 John Wright's estate was listed in the Land Tax Lists under the name of his son 1840 John Wright of Bedford County.

On September 25, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 5/220 a list of slaves born to Jude and part of the dower estate of John Wright was filed:

"List of Slaves belonging to the dower Estate of John Wright deceased

Mary was born August	)
the 5th 1816	) children of Jude
George was born December	)
the 28th, 1817	)

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of September 1820 This List of Slaves belonging to the dower Estate of John Wright deceased was Returned to Court and ordered to be Recorded"

Elizabeth (Pate) Wright lived with her son John Wright at the family residence from the death of 1803 John Wright until March 3, 1821, when she moved away to live with her daughter Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and her son-in-law William McGeorge. On April 3, 1821, she filed suit against her son John Wright for an accounting for the use of the slaves left to her by her husband 1803 John Wright. The records of that case are in File 1373 of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia. The complaint provided as follows:

"To the Honourable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District Humbly Complaining Sheweth unto your Honour your Oratrix Elizabeth Wright widow and relict of John Wright deceased that the said John Wright departed this life in the month of August 1803 having on the 11th Day of that month made and published his will in due form of Law, wherein he disposed of a considerable Estate in manner and form as will more fully appear reference being thereunto had

That immediately after his death your oratrix together with John Wright and Tommy Wright herein after called Defendants, qualified as Executrix and Executors of the said last will. That the Debts have all been paid, and the Legacies, bequeathed subject to the pleasure of your oratrix delivered to the Legatees respectively entitled: That your oratrix and John Wright the younger, then a single man, resided together in the Dwelling house of her late Husband; And received possession of the property bequeathed to her, according to a schedule now exhibited as a part of this Bill; That the said John Wright being as was supposed, entitled to the Land whereon they resided; Superintended the

slaves bequeathed to your oratrix Took possession of all the stock of every kind bequeathed to her; sold the crops, and such stock as from time to time could be spared from the plantation and appropriated the monies to his own use; That no contract was made between your oratrix, and the said John, until the commencement of the year 1819: when your oratrix agreed to take $100 per annum and a comfortable maintence, for the use of her property: But the said John now refuses to account with your oratrix for the profits & hire of her Stock & slaves from the year 1803 until the year 1819 and refuses to pay the two annual payments of $100 for the years 1819 and 1820 as he agreed to do: having withheld from her although his mother and 7 ____ years of age the comforts & conveniences of life which by his contract he was bound to furnish - and now refuses to give her possession of her property: and In short has treated her so unkindly. That she has compelled, to abandon her home, where she bore and raised him, and is now dependant upon the charity of her other children for a home and subsistence: In Tender consideration whereof in as much as your oratrix is remediless at Law. May It please the court to cause the said John Wright & Tommy Wright in their own right and as Executors of the said John Wright deceased to be made Defendents to this Bill. And full true and perfect answer to make to the allegations therein contained as if the same were again set forth and recapitulated by way of interrogatories: That the said John may be compelled to deliver up to your oratrix possession of the slaves Stock and all other things in his possession to which she is Entitled under the will of her late husband: upon such reasonable Terms & conditions as the court may prescribe: and be compelled to account for the hire & profits of the same during the time he has had the possession and use thereof; and in the mean time that some provision suitable to the age and condition of your Oratrix may be made for her support: and such other and further relief as her case may require and is consistent with the principles of Equity & rules of the court. To this End to grant her the commonwealths rit of subpona.

And as in duty &c
Gilmen J. P."

In May 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/94 John Wright and Tommey Wright, as executors of the will of John Wright, moved for the settlement of their accounting for the estate:

"On the motion of John Wright & Tommy Wright the Exors of John Wright Dec It is ordered that John Pate Wilkins J Hunt Mattw Pate Lawr McGeorge & Thomas Davis or any three do settle the account current of sd Decs Estate with sd Exors & report to Court"

In May 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/94 Anthony Wright filed a motion to require John Wright and Tommey Wright, as executors of the will of John Wright, to post additional security for their administration of the estate:

> "On the Mo of Anthony Wright one of the securiteys for Tommey Wright John Wright the Executors of John Wright Dec suggesting his fears by re__ thereof - Whereupon It is ordered that the said Executors be summoned to the next court to shew cause why why he should not give their said Securitey Counter Security"

After the filing of the Complaint in File 1373 by Elizabeth (Pate) Wright a number of depositions were taken as evidence for the case.

On October 5, 1821, in File 1373 the deposition of Anthony Wright was taken and provided as follows:

> ". . . . that he knows John Wright has in possession all the property in negroes of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright except negroe Judith and her children some of which he has seen in the possession of Tommy Wright and That sometime in February last in a conversation with John Wright about our Deceased Fathers Estate, said Wright said he claimed no part of the Stock and said it was in his way at same time he saw he had no claim on the old negroes to wit Milly, Peter, Judith and her children & that Tye was hired out ever since the latter part of 1814 and further saith that he believes John Wright has had the benefit of nearly all that was made on the Estate every since our Father Died and further saith not"

The deposition of John McGeorge in File 1373 was taken on October 5, 1821, and provided as follows:

> ". . . . that he knows John Wright has in possession all the property in negroes of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright except negroe Judith and her children some of which he has seen in the possession of Tommy Wright, That he knows that Elizabeth Wright is old and infirm and is unable to maintain herself. Has Heard Mrs. Wright complain she got nothing from John Wright, That he rembers Last Summer hearing John Wright tell his mother she might have corn or wheat or any any thing else he had to eat if she would send for it, That a few Days afterwards he heard Mrs. Elizabeth Wright say she was then Boarding with William McGeorge and that her sons John & Tommy had all her negroes and she was not able to go for any thing & that he heard John Wright refuse to give her the stock except she would allow him to keep one-third of the Cattle and Hogs, That he heard John Wright say he would give his mother some of the sheep and some of the wool after shearing them, That he heard Tommy Wright

offer supply his mother with any thing she might want if she would deduct it out of his Bond to her and further saith not"

The deposition of Henry Hurt in File 1373 was taken on October 5, 1821, and provided as follows:

". . . . that he knows all the negroes belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Wright except Judith and her children are in the possession of John Wright and further saith not"

The deposition of Jerimiah Adams in File 1373 was taken on October 8, 1821, and provided as follows:

". . . . that on the 28th Decr 1820 at that time was Calld on by Mrs. Wright widdow of John Wright Decd, to attend to some perticulars which she wishd to name to her son John Wright Junr She the said widow Wright at that time forwarnd the said John Wright her son puting a certain pacel of Negroes under his overseer names as followers, Peter Jess Nick Mooly and Ben at the same time John Wright her son askd his Mother why she did not name Sam Milley and the Ballance of her Children her answer was She gave them to her son John Wright to do as he pleasd with at the same time John Wright her son made several propersitions to his mother which I Thought very fare ones. John Wright and his mother then Concluded to enter in a writin agreement which they did each of them assignd the agreement in my presence the next day or a few days after Mrs. Wright the said widdow Wright namd to me that when her son John Red the articles he had left out apart of which it containd and did not read that part to her and then told me she would not stand to the agreement entered into between them for she considered it of no force. I further say that the part was not red was the including the boy Denis now in the hands of Henry Hurt and further saith not"

The deposition of William Holiday in File 1373 was taken on October 8, 1821, and provided as follows:

"On the 16th of Novr. 1820 I at that time was at Mr. John Wrights, at that time Capt. William McGeorge and myself fell in conversation respecting some negroes now in porsesion of John Wright, Capt. McGeorge told me if he had of had as good luck with his as John Wright had with his he would of had nearly as many as he had and think it as unjest for him to Claim a part of John Wrights as for him to Claim apart of his"

The deposition of Elizabeth Holiday in File 1373 was taken on October 8, 1821, and provided as follows:

". . . . that I live a nigh neighbour to John Wright son of the widdow Wright and frequent visited the house and seldom strayd from the house more than a week at a time and often stayd 4 or 5 days at a time and never did find but every necessary and luxury of life was always at hand I have for many years attended the said house in assisting in making up the negroes Cloathing and the said John Wright always made me full satisfaction for the same I was also at the birth of every child of Milleys since the death of John Wrigh Senr except two and the said John Wright hath ever paid me for my servises in Delivering the sd. children Shortly Before Mrs Wright mooved from her son John Wright I askd Mrs Wright if She was about to moove from home her answer was she was, I askd her if ever she sufford, her reply was she never did, I then Told her when she moovd from John Wrights she moovd from home and farther saith not"

The deposition of Little Berry Wright in File 1373 was taken on October 8, 1821, and provided as follows:

"I livd for John Wright two years 1816 & 1817 I always found every necessary for support of life In the family as any person could wish and always found John Wright to be very kind and obliging to his mother and treated her with motherly kindness"

The deposition of John Jeeter in File 1373 was taken on October 8, 1821, and provided as follows:

"On the third day of march last being at the dwelling house of Mrs Elizabeth Wright, and the day of her removal from the same, her son John Wright came in, and before any other person came in. Ther arose a talk about her moving, John Write askd her why she was agoing to leave her home;; she said she had no home. John askd why, or whether he offered to deprive her of her preasant home; she answered that he had not. But it was not will'd to her. John told her that it was his fathers intention for her to live at that place and in that house her lifetime and that he had forgoten to mention it or it was neglected by the writer. I therfore assure you before Mr Jeter that I never will take it from you nor suffer any other person to take it, or interrupt you at it so long as you and I live;; And it would be a satisfaction to me for you to stay, and be satisfy'd, you shall keep Jude and her Children as you have done, And when you want any other of the Boys you shall have them, to do any thing you want them to do. if you will let me know when you do want them; And I will (as I have done) keep you in all of the necessaries of life that you stand in need off About this time came people with a carriage and in the course of the day mov'd her household and kitching furniture to Capt. William MGeorge's, And after the most of the furniture was moved off, ther was somthing said about the stock John told his mother that as she would gow he was willing for her to take two-thirds of the stock, but one- third of the stock was his, that he should keep it, but he thought that, as there was rough

food plenty, she had better let the cattle and sheep stay where they were, til the food came in the woods, and he would feed them. to this she made no answer, he also told her, that it would be best for her to let the hogs stay till after harvest when she could git a stubble field to put them in and he would feed them, She answered it would be best And set off. John said well mother if you will gow I will lock the door and take care of your house for you and you are welcome to come to it at any time if you git dissatisfyd, and I expect it will not be long before you are. and further saith not"

The answer of Tommey Wright to the Complaint in File 1373 was filed on October 10, 1821, and provided as follows:

"The Seperate Answer of Tommy Wright to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against him & John Wright in the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg by Elizabeth Wright

This respondent for answer to the said bill or such part thereof as he is advised is material for him to answer, he answereth & saith - that he admits that his father John Wright departed this life in the month of August 1803 - having previously made & published his last will & testament, where in he disposed of his Estate in the manner & form as will appear by referring to the said will, that the debts which were but few (if any) have all been paid. This respondent together with John Wright & the complt. did shortly after the death of his father Qualify as Executrix & Executors of the said will - altho this respondent qualifyd as one of the Executors he never reserved or had in his possession any part of the Estate of any kind whatever. Nor has he ever received the legacy bequeathed him by the Testator. the bequest being a negroe man named Scya (?) to be the property of this respondent at the death of Complt. which said negro Scye(?) is Dead - This respondent has lived very near to his mother the complainant & his brother John Wright since the death of his father in the year 1803. their plantation joining, and his Brother John Wright being then quite young. the tender regard this respondent had for his mother, induced him frequently to call & see her & acquire some knowledge of the treatment she recd. from her Son John, this respondt. always understood her to be well Sastisfyd with her treatment until of late, her home was a comfortable one, and ample provision was always made for her comfortable support, and had she have continued with her son John. This respondent is confident the same ample & comfortable provision would have been still made for her support. This respondt. has every reason to believe that his brother John always treated her with motherly tenderness they lived together in peace & Harmony from the year 1803 till within a year or two: the Complt. is about 74 or 75 years of age & at times is a goodeal pevish & childish, and This respondt. is Strongly Impressd with the belief that the complainant has been prompt by some of her other children to abandon a comfortable home. and an ample Genteel maintainance, and to institute this

Suit. Who expects and probably has the assurance of the complt. that they shall in case she recovers enjoy the use & profits of the Estate, for bearly maintaining her. This respondt. has no hesitation in Saying that the Complt. had no Just cause of complaint against her Son John. that she had every Comfort of that her age & condition required & a sufficiency of servants to attend her.

Tommey Wright"

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Pate) Wright was born in about 1746 or 1747.

The Answer of John Wright to the Bill of Complaint in File 1373 was filed on October 11, 1821, and provided as follows:

"To the honble Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg

The Answer of John Wright to the Bill of Complaint exhibited against this respondent & others by Elizabeth Wright

This respondent saving the benefit of all exceptions for answer to the said Bill saith that true it is that his father John Wright departed this life in the year 1803 having first duly made & published his last will & testament a copy whereof is exhibited with the plaintiffs Bill.

At the death of this respondent father this respondent was about 18 years of age. The plantation on which his father died being devised to this respondent this respondent continued to reside with his mother on the place in the character of manager of the business and got only but a portion of the crop as is normally given for like services. In this situation this respondent continued for several years. then by the consent of the complainant this respondent took the whole concern into his own hand and has in consideration of using the property in which the complainant had a life estate to support her & her youngest daughter in a comfortable manner & to furnish them with such articles as their necessities required This stipulation this respondent performed only in the spirit of justice but ____(?) Independent of his engagement he reserved one horse & kept two for his sister during her continuance which terminated in 1811. The complaintant sold during her residence with this respondent some horses belonging to the estate & appropriated the money to her own use and acted on the gratification of her wishes without any restraint from this respondent. Thus things continued with the same understanding between the parties untill about the year 1819 during all which time the complaintant never to this respondents knowledge alleged that he was indebted to her for the enjoyment of her property. He some times said that this respondent ought to give her more than her mere support but these dictations were the effects of occasional ill humour & not of any settled design. In 1819 she manifested her dissatisfaction more steadily & this

respondent then agreed to pay her for that year one hundred dollars over & above the maintenance before the year has expired this respondent informed her he could not give it any longer. She remained with this respondent untill March 1821 and then left his house & removed to the house of William McGeorge who is married to her youngest daughter.

After this respondent took the management of the plantation into his own hands he clothed all of the slaves & paid all the taxes ____(?) they been charged to the complaintant and untill 1809. This respondent raised the children of Milly & of Jude born after the Testators death and of his own means. Sam bequeathed to this respondent was but 5 years old at the death of the Testator.

In December 1820 the complaintant having manifested such displeasure toward this respondent to which she was as this respondent believes by some of her other children who hoped to profit by rupture between her & this respondent she gave notice that this respondent should not for the ensuing crop put the five following slaves under his overseer Viz Peter Jesse, Nick, Moley Sam: She then explicitly stated that he had given up, or that did give up Sam & Milley & her other children to this respondent for him to do with them as he thought proper.

This respondent has no objection to deliver Peter. he belongs to this respondent after the complaintants death. He having purchased the interest in him. He conceves it herein proper to demand proper surety to have him whenever when the life estate shall have terminated. This respondent is also entitled to Jude & her children having also acquired the remaining interest in her by purchase.

This respondent will beg leave to state more explicitly the reason why he has refused to deliver the slaves. Sam Milley & her children & Jude & her children Sam he considers under a fair construction of the Testators will to have been his property absolutely at his death. The Testator had no other slaves than Rose expressly mentioned in the will and in the latter clause of his will he clearly shews that the life estate of his wife was only to extend to those slaves who where then grown which Sam was not being only of the age before mentioned. Milley & her children this respondent claims by express relinquishment of his mother & by having raised the children out of his own means. Jude & her children this respondent claims on the same ground.

This respondent denies that he refused to deliver to the complainant any part of the stock. He was willing & did offer to deliver her two thirds of it. The other third at her death is the property of This respondent. This respondent apprehended that if he did deliver it, that the complainant would give it to her now favorite children being lately made a present of a cow & calf to one of her daughters & having a few years ago divided 405 dollars among eight of her children (then living ten in all). This respondent therefore refused to deliver more than two-

thirds. The stock comprehended six cows four calves eight young cattle fifteen sheep five grown hogs sixteen shoats & sixteen pigs. The other small articles this respondent is billing the complainant shall have whenever she chooses to send for them.

The pecuniary legacies mentioned in the bill have been paid by the complainant in a horse & cattle left by the Testator. Your respondent made no objection

This respondent does not admit that the complainant is destitute of the means of support. She had when she left this respondent about three hundred & fifty dollars due to her from responsible persons mostly for mony loaned She had also some mony and household & kitchen furniture

This respondent regrets as much as any person can do that his mother at the very advanced age of 74 years should have deserted a home which he had during many years made as comfortable & cheerful as was in his power, and which he should have endeavored to render more so as her years & his means increased. He endeavored to avoid the ____(?) and much more any ill will or hostility toward him. He was however unable to avert either. The discontent attendant on old age was kept alive by those whose sole object was to profit by its existance.

This respondent was anxious to avoid any litigation. He proposed various ways by which the outstanding difference might be adjusted by respectable neighbours so as to avoid bringing it before a court of Justice but all the expedients proposed was entirely unavailing.

This respondent utterly denies that he treated the complainant unkindly. He endeavored on all occassions to make her comfortable and satisfy her reasonable desires. In this he believes he should have succeeded had others not found it their interest to interfere

This respondent has always been willing to account with the complainant for the sum of one hundred dollars which he contracted to pay her in 1819 as also to pay any amount to which she may be entitled to for the preceeding year. This respondent however deeming himself unjustly brought before this honbl court objects to its Jurisdiction as to that matter alone, observing that as the other subjects he has done the complainant ample justice.

This respondent since his mother left him has frequently informed her that if she was in want of thing which it was in his power to furnish if she would send for it she should have it. When she went away this respondent furnished about 150# of Bacon. he has always been willing to provide her the means of subsistence if she would make her wants known.

This respondent prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and &c"

This record also indicates that Elizabeth (Pate) Wright was born in about 1747.

The next document in File 1373 was the desposition of Jerimiah Adams on March 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that on the 28th Decr 1820 at that time was call on by Mrs. Wright widdow of John Wright Decd, to attend to some perticulars which She wished to Name to her son John Wright Junr she the said widdow Wright at that time forwarnd the said John Wright her son puting a certain parcel of negroes under his overseer, names as followers, Peter, Jess Nick Mooly and Ben at the same time John Wright her son askd his mother why she did not Sam Milley and the ballance of her children her answer was she gave them to her Son John Wright to do as he pleasd with at the same Time John Wright her son made several propersitions to his mother which I thought very fare ones John Wright and his mother then concluded to enter in a written agreement which Each of them assignd in my presence the next Day or a few days after Mrs. Wright the said widdow Wright namd to me that when her son John red The Articles he had left out a part of which it containd, and did not read that part to her and then told me she would not stand to the agreement Entered into between them for she considered it of no force I further say that the part which was not red was the including the Boy Denis now in the hands of Henry Hurt. now as it respects the aforesaid gift I can construe it in no other way then the old Lady the sd widdow Wright give up her claim to the said negroes

Question by the pltffs agent

Did I not demand Peter and other property, given up in his answer, of John Wright and offer him good securitys?

Ans. You did & John Wright answerd he would see more about it at some other time.

Question by the Defendant

Did the plff or the plffs agent present any instrument of writing

Ans. Not that I saw.

Question by Plff

Was not the security offerd by the Plff present when the property was demanded

Ans. He was.

Question by same. Did not the defendent say he would pay the plff for the property if she would let him value it.

Ans. He did.

Q by same

Did not the plff offer to take any part of the property that the defendant would give up

Ans. Yes, and the defendant offerd to give up an old table, which the plff was willing to take, but after a short pause the defendant said he would wish to retract from the offer he had made, for fear it might make a gap, the plff did not take away the Table but said he would send for it.

Question by the defendant

Have you not lived for several years in the neigbourhood of the defendant and his mother.

Ans. I have

Q by same

have you not in that time frequently visited the house of the defendant & his mother and what appeared to be the treatment of the defendant towards hir

Ans. I have frequently visited the house of the defendant and his mother, and always found him to treat her with the utmost kindness and tenderness

Jeremiah Adams"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Lawrence McGeorge on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant saith that sometime in the early part of 1819 he was called upon by Elizabeth Wright and John Wright to settle the hire of four or five perhaps six negroes which said Elizabeth Wright claimed of said John Wright that he this deponant proposed that the said John Wright should pay the said Elizabeth Wright one hundred dollars for that year also Board and find what cloathing the said Elizabeth Wright might be in want of both parties appeared to be satisfied

Question by the Deft. do you recollect whether the negroe boy Sam and girl Judy were included in that hire or not.

Answer. I do not recollect; but those included were by the consent of the parties

Quest 2d by the same. Did not I petition you about the first of January 1821 to come and use your influence with the plaintiff to compromise and settle our dispute

Answer I think you did

Lawrence McGeorge"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Elizabeth Pollard on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith,

Qust 1st by the Plaintiffs Agent. In the time that this Plaintiff was liveing with the Deft John Wright did she not frequently employ you to make negroes clotheing and pay you for the same her self.

Answer. she did.

Quest. 1st By the Defendant. How did she pay you.

Answer. she paid me in spinning done by her self while I was makeing the clothing. Further this Deponant sayth not.

Elizabeth her X mark" Pollard

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Lucy Lancaster on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant saith

Quest 1st by the plaintiffs agent. Do not you know the plaintiff to be a very old and infirm woman incapable of supporting her self.

Answer. I know her to be very old and think it unreasonable to suppose she can labour for her support

Quest 2d by the same. Do not you believe that while the plaintiff was able she done much towards clothing(?) the young negroes which are now in the possession of John and Tommy Wright

Answer. I have frequently been at the house of the Plaintiff previous to her Removeing to William McGeorges and always saw her industriously engaged in domestic affairs and have noticed the negroes about the house were clothed in goods of domestic manufacuture. further this Deponent sayeth not

her
Lucy + Lancaster
mark"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of James Asbury on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant saith

Qustion 1st By the plaffs Agent. Do you know of any Income which this plaintiff has independant of the one claimed of John & Tommy Right

Answer. I do not know of any.

Qust 2d by the same. Do you not know that this plaintiff did a great deal towards the Raising and support of the negroes now in the hands of John & Tommy Wright

Answer. I think she did and have sometimes observed to her that she was doing more than her ability would justify to which she Replied she must work or them go without clothes.

Quest 3d By the same. Did you never see the Deft. John Wright treat his mother improperly.

Answer. I stayed at the house of said John Wright when this plaintiff lived with him, and was assisting him to prise Tobacco, this plaintiff was engaged early in prepareing breakfast for us, but in consequence of its not being Ready as early as this Deft wished he flew in a passion struck the mantle piece and made use of very rough language to his mother which appeared to hurt her feelings very much.

Quest 1st By the Deft. Did not you marry a daughter of the Plaintiffs.

Answer. I did

Quest. 2d By the same. Are not you interested in this suit neither directly nor consequently

Answer. I am not

Quest 3d By the same. Have you not the promises of the complainant that should she succeed in the present suit that you would have her interest in part of the estate

Answer. I have not. And further this Deponent sayeth not

his
James X Asbury
mark"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of John McGeorge on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant sayeth that he was at the house of John Wright that the plaintiff was there and demanded the Stock of him and that he agreed to give her two thirds of the Cattle and hogs and part of the sheep and part of the wool after they where shorn, the plaintiff Replied that she was ready and then wished to take one or two of the milk cows, to which the deft. John Wright Returned no answer. This deponant further saith that he was present when William McGeorge as agent for the plaintiff demanded a negro man Peter, and other property which the deft. had said he would give up at any time, that the said William McGeorge informed him that he was prepared to give him good security for the same, and that Joseph Wright advised him to give up one negro to wait on his mother. to all of which the defendant Replied that he had counsel of his own and that he should not give up any of the property except a table that he wished to retract that.

Quest 1st by the Deft.

Did not you aid William McGeorge in Removeng the plaintiff to his house.

Answer. I did but had no interest in so doing and was living with said Wm. McGeorge at that time.

Quest 2d by the same. Did you think the plaintiff was satisfied on breaking up and leaveing me.

Answer. I think she was, for she replied that she could not nor would not live with you any longer and further this deponant sayeth not

John McGeorge"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of William Richards on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that he Lived with John Wright on the same plantation in the year of Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen and frequently Eate in the house with him and his mother and always found that he prepared Every thing comfortable for the support of the family and the farther saith that he never saw any child more tender of thier mother and more kind toward their parrents in his life and he further saith that towards the Latter part of the same year Mrs Wright said to her son John he must give her some thing for the next year for which they called on Lawrence McGeorge to say what it should be. Mr. McGeorge in my presence from a refferance to a copy of the will of John Wright ded. told the widow Wright he did not think she had any Right agreeable to the will to any of the negroes more than Mill and Peter and he did not think she ought to Claim any thing for them as she got a support from the plantation Clair of want for any thing to Eate or drink or weare he said old people weare childish and he would alow Something for satisfaction though he would hire them Low for he did not think she was Entitled to any thing he told her he would allow her one hundred dollars the said John Wright askd his mother if she wanted any writings she told him that she did not Mr. McGeorge told her he thought it was Best not for old people wear childish and problable would be dissatisfied.

Question by the plffs agent

Do you know how many negroes Lawrence McGeorge allowd the plff. hire for (?)

Ans. I believe there were five or six and I believe the negro boy Sam was included in that number.

William Richards"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Thomas Bandy on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that he did in the Latter part of the year 1817 and fore part of the year 1818 worke at the house of John Wright and his mother Elizabeth Wright and saith that during the time he Lived there that he thought that said John Wright renderd due obedience and gratitude towards his mother and treated her uncomly kind and tender more so then he thought was common for children of his age to do -- he also saith that he always found a sumtious Table which was prepared by the said John Wright and apeared to be prepared

with all the Luxuries that Life could wish or call for and the mother of this said John Wright always apeard to have the command and controll of the same

Thomas X Bandy"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Thomas West on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that he Lived with John Wright and Elizabeth Wright in the same house in the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen and Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen and always saw that the said John Wright Treated his mother with the highest respect and tenderness and he always saw him particular obliging and condesinding towards his mother and he also saith that he also always saw and Enjoyd all the comforts of Life that a sumtuous Table could afford at the said house and this deponant also saith that he always during his residence with the said John and Elizabeth Wright discoverd that the negros Belonging to said place were gineraly Clothed in Negro Cotton.

Thomas X West"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Millener Haynes on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that he has for ten or twelve years Lived a near neighbour to the said John Wright and his mother and have frequently resorted the house as a neighbour and have always, thought that the said John Wright Treated his mother as kind and as tender as any Child Could Treat a parent and this deponant saith that he has Frequently heard the neighbours say that they thought owing to Every Circumstance that John Wright did Treat his mother uncomonly well and saith that he has Frequently dined & Breakfasted at the house and always found a sumtious Table and always found that his mother Carried the kees and disposed of it as she pleased and this deponant saith that he has always seen the negros Clothed in Negro Cotton during the winter Seasons

Question

Question by the defendant

did you never hear Mr. McGeorge say agent fo the plff say any thing respecting the negros contended for and what it was.

Ans. In a conversation that that took place between Wm. McGeorge previous to his marrying into the family of the plff I heard him say that it was his opinion that the negros now in dispute belongd to the defendant

Millener Haynes"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of William Holladay on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that he has always lived a near neighbour to John Wright & his mother Elizabeth Wright and has frequently resorted the house and always found John Wright and his mother to Live in peace and harmony and always thought he treated her with the utmost kindness On the 16th of November 1820 he saith he was at that time at John Wrights and says at that time that he and Capt William McGeorge who married the youngest daughter of the plaintiff fell in conversation respecting some negros now in possesion of John Wright Capt McGeorge told me that if he had of had as good Luck with his as John had with his he would of had nearly as many as he had and think it as unjust for him to claim a part of John Wrights as for him to claim a part of his and this deponant further saith that Capt William McGeorge said he would not give one cent for the rite he had to John Wrights said negros

Question by the plff

Did I not say at the time the above conversation took place that I believed the negros ought to belong to the plff

Ans. I believe you did

William Holladay"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Polly Richards on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that She lived on the same plantation with John Wright and his mother in the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen and always discoverd that the said John found Every thing nessesary for the support of Life as she frequently resorted the house an saith that she always thought said John Wright treeted his mother with the utmost tenderness & regard that in the course of the said year she says she heard Elizabeth Wright say she was spinning flax for Ruthy McGeorge her youngest daughter She further saith that she saw said plff kniting stocking for Ruthy McGeorge's children and said she had knit them a pare a peace this deponant further saith that she was imployd her self to spin Eight pounds of flax for said Ruthy McGeorge & that after she had spun the flax

she had to spin she askd this plff mother of the said Ruthy McGeorge if Mrs. McGeorge had the ballance of her flax spun and the plff Mrs Wright answerd she had for she spun it her self and that she had sent for a twist at a time till she had obtaind and spun it all for said Ruthy McGeorge Daughter to the plaintiff Mrs. Wright And this deponant further saith that she and Ruthy McGeorge fell in conversation during the said year concerning there situation and this deponant was complaining of her own situation as respecting her having no person to help her to support her family and saith the ruthy McGeorge daughter of the plaintiff said if it ware not for her mother she and William McGeorge could not keep house And this deponant further saith that she was the same year imployd in making up the negro clothing which consisted of negro cotton

Question by Plff

Did not the plaintiff pay you for making the negroes cloths above namd - Ans. She did pay me in spun yarn out of the house

Polly X Richards"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Lewis Lancaster Constable for Bedford County on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he as a Commonwealth officer of the peace for said County did by virtue of a Superior To him directed issued by Issac Otey & Matthew Wilson two of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for said County summons Joseph Wright to give his Deposition at the Tavern house of William Terry In the town of Liberty In said County on the 29th day of november 1821 In behalf of the said John & Tommy Wright Deft. in said suit & the said Joseph Wright did refuse to obey the requisitions of the above named subpena and said that he would not disoblige his mother so much as what it would do to give his deposition & said that he never would give his deposition as he Expected to be Be benefitted By the suit being terminated In his mothers behalf

And the Deponant also saith that he Tenderd to said Joseph Wright One dollar for his servises attending at the said Tavern house of William Terrys for the purpose of Giving his deposition & that the said Joseph Wright did utterly refuse to take the fees tenderd & said that no sum could be offerd That would force him to give his deposition nor that all of the men and officers on the waters of beverdam Could not force him to give his deposition

And the deponant further saith that he has always lived neare Neighbour to said John Wright and his mother and Fequently resorted there house & always found them apearently in peace and harmony And saith as a neighbour he has

frequenly Breakefasted & dined at the house & always found a sumtious table and always thought the said John Wright treated his mother with the utmost tenderness & kindness

Question by the plff

How long notice did you give Joseph Wright previous to the time his deposition was to be taken

Ans. About sunrise on the day before his deposition was to be taken

Q by same

Did not Joseph Wright inform you that the day previous to the time he was notified to attend at Liberty for the purpose of having his deposition taken he had appointed to meet a man who was to travel with him as far as the state of Kentucky on his the said Wrights way home to the Missouri

Ans. He informed me that he had appointed to meet a man about that time who was to travel with him & believ he did start at that time

Lewis Lancaster"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Sally Barker on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant Saith that she lived on the same plantation with John Wright & his mother in the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty and that she Frequently resorted the house and never discoverd any thing Els But what the said John Wright always Treated his mother Extreamly well she says (?) have Frequenly resorted the house and always found said John Wright did use his mother perticular kind and also discoverd that he gave way to all his mothers solicitation and that he always give his mother the kees and controol of all in possession of the said two John and Elizabeth Wright and always have seen said John apeare to use Every Exertion to render his mother agreeable and contented this deponant saith that she has freqently heard Mrs. Wright the plaintiff talk very much out of the way to her son John and that the said John did take it without resentment such Language that she says she could not Bare owing to his Treating her with so much civility, and her Talking so much out of the way to him, this deponant also saith in short that she believes that the plaintiff has Treated the Defendant a great deal worse than the Defendant has Treated her

Sally X Barker"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Thomas Holladay on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that he always Lived a near neighbour to said John Wright and his mother and frequently resorted the house and always discoverd that John Wright apeared to use means of friendship towards his mother and treated her in my preasince perticular kind he Saith he have frequently Eate at the house of John Wright and Elizabeth Wright and always found a plenty of Every thing that could render life comfortable

Thomas Holladay"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of James Wright on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant being first Sworn on the holy Evalgelist of Almighty God deposeth and Saith, That he lived with the said John Wright in the year of 1818 from the 14th June till the month of October, and boarded in the same house with him and his mother, and allways found that he treated her with the utmost kindness and motherly Tenderness, and prepared for her every thing that her age and sex Required, I also lived on the plantation for the said John Wright Eighth months of the following year (viz) 1819 and frequently eat at the table with him and his mother, and allways found that he prepared every nessasary and Luxary of life that is Common, and treated her with oncommon Tenderness and kindness and further saith that on the first day of Bedford November Court Last past that he fell in Company with the said John Wright and Joseph Wright his Brother from the state of Mesoura and the said John at that time told the sd Joseph that he must have this deposition in the Suit his mother had against him, he Replyed that he wold not give it. Said John ast his reason he said that his evidence in the cause might In Jure the plaintiff his mother and prbeley himself as he might prbaly be bennifitted by a recovery on the part of the plaintiff & for that reason he should not give it.

Question by the defendant

Did I not use every persuasive language to prevail upon Joseph Wright to have his deposition taken

Ans. Apparently you did so

Question by same

Did not sd Wright say that he had given the defendant to understand that he would give his deposition, but that he never had intinded it.

Ans. He did.

Q by the same

Did I not tell said Wright that I would get a subpoena and have his deposition taken

An. You did and he replied that if he could arrange his business he would leave the County before the subpoena was served

Q by same

Did not Joseph Wright inform you (in Nov. last) that his mother had given him a Bond on Tommy Wright for $85.60 by his (the said Wright) giving her $10.00

Ans. He did

Q by same

Did you not trade for the said Bond and give him the full value of it

Ans. I did.

Did not the said Wright inform you that the plff had even given her riding mare

Ans. He did.

Q by Plff

Was not the mare given to said Wrigh by the plff old and almost worn out.

Ans She could not last long from her appearance.

James Wright"

The next desposition in File 1373 was of Elizabeth Holladay on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that she Lives a neare neighbour and always has for number of years and perticular during the time of said John Wright and his mothers Living together resorted the house and seldom was absent from the house a weake at a time and often stayed four or five days at the same time and never did find but Every Luxary and necessary of Life always at hand She says she has for many years attended the said house in assisting in making up the

negro Clothing and the said John Wright always made full satisfaction for the same. And she also saith that she was at The Birth of Every Child Of Milleys since the death of John Wright Senr. Except two or three and the said John Wright haith Ever payd her for her survises for delivering the sd. Children also she saith that the said John Wright did pay her for the Delivering thru of the negro girl Judys Children and further saith that shortly before Mrs. Wright moved from her son John Wrights, she asked Mrs. Wright if she was about to move from home her answer was that she was, she askd if Ever she sufferd her reply was she never did She says she then told her That when Ever she moved from her son John Wrights she moved from home and further saith that she always Believed that John Wright always Treated his mother with the utmost Kindness and respect.

And Further saith that she was sundry Times Engaged in cutting up Negro Cotton and helping to make up for the negros generly.

Question by the plffs agent

Did Elizabeth Wright never pay you for making the negroes Clothes

Ans. She did not.

Elizabeth X Holladay"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of William Miller on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that in the month of January 1821 as well as he now recollects he at the request of the Deft John, Went to his house. & their met with Mr. Thomas Davis & John Pate, the Deponant understanding Object of their meeting to be for the purpose of Advising & Assisting the parties in an amicable adjustment & Settlement of the then existing disputes between them, he this Deponant & Mr Thomas Davis & John Pate waited on Mrs. Wright the Plaintiff who then resided in the house in which her deceased husband died & this Depont & sd. Jno Pate did use every reasonable means in their power to prevail on the parties to refer all matters in dispute between them to good & impartial Judges of their own Choice. The Deft John expressed a great desire to settle their disputes in this way. but Mrs. Wright the Plft refused to leave their disputes to men to be chosen either by themselves, or Others

Question by the Defendant

Do you recollect of buying some bacon of the plff since the death of her husband and what quantity

Ans The precise quantity I do not recollect, but supposed there was forty or fifty pounds and paid her for the same

Wm Miller"

On May 9, 1822, in File 1373 John Wright filed his affidavit for a subpoena of Joseph Wright:

"That Joseph Wright of the State of Missouri is a material witness in the suit depending in the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg wherein Elizabeth Wright is plaintiff and him the said John Wright and Tommy Wright are defendants, and that he considers he cannot safely go in to the Trial of said cause without the evidence of the said Joseph Wright.

This affiant further made oath that the said Joseph Wright was in Bedford, Va. in November last, and that he used every means in his power then to procure the testimony of the said Joseph Wright, that he obtained a commission for that purpose, and also a Spa to bring the said Joseph before two magistrates which was duly served by Lewis Lancaster a Constable, and that the said Joseph refused to obey the Subpoena and declared he would not give evidence in the Cause, and when asked by this affiant the Reason of his refusal, replyd that his evidence might injure the plaintiff his mother and probably himself as he might probably be benefited by a recovery on the part of the plaintiff, and the said Joseph left this Country the same day appointed to take his Deposition"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of John Pate on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant being duly Sworn Deposeth & Saith that Some time in the month of January or February 1821 he was requested by the Deft John Wright to come to his house on a certain day then named (not now recollected) but a few days after the application, this Deponant understood at the time that Capt William Miller & Mr. Thomas Davis was to attend on the same day for the purpose of endeavoring to advise & assist the parties in amicably adjusting & settling their then existing disputes. this deponant complyd with the request of the Deft John, and attended at the time required. that he this Deponant & Cap. Miller & Mr Davis waited on Mrs. Wright the plft. who then resided in the house in which her Deceased husband died; this Deponant & Cap. Miller tried Every means in their power to prevail on the parties to amicably adjust & settle all matters in Dispute between them by refering all their disputes to good & impartial Judges of their own choice the Deft John expressed a great desire that all matters in dispute should be settled in this way; but Mrs. Wright the Plft refused to leave their

dispute to men to be chosen either by themselves or others & further this Deponant saith not.

John Pate"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of John Jeter on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This Deponant saith that on the 3d day of March Eighteen Hundred and Twenty One being at the dwelling house of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright and the day fromher removal from her son John Wright and before any other person came in there arose a conversation about her moving John Wright asked her why she was going to leave her home she said she had no home John asked her why or whether he offered to deprive her of her preasent home She answered that she had not But it was not willd to her John told her that it was his fathers intention for her to Live at that place and in that house her Lifetime and that he had forgotten to mention it or it was neglected by the writer of the will I therefore assure you before Mr. Jeter that I never will take it from you nor suffer any other person take or interupt you at it so as you and I Live and it would be a satisfaction to me for you to stay and be satisfied you shall keep Jude and her children as you have done and when you want any other of the Boys you shall have them to do any thing you want them to do if you will Let me know when you do want them and I will as I have done, keep you all in the necessaries of Life that you stand in need off about this time came people with a carrage and in the course of the day moved her household and kitchen Funiture to Capt William McGeorges and after the most of the Firniture was moved of there was something said about the stock John told his mother that as she would go he was willing for her to take two-thirds of the stock But as one- third of the stock was his he should keep it but he thought as there was rough food plenty she had Better Let the Cattle and sheep stay where they weare till the food came in the woods and he would feed them to this she made no answer he also told her it would be best for her to Let the hogs till after harvest when she could get a stubble field to put them in and he would feed them she answerd it would be best and set of John said well mother if you will go I will Lock the dore and take care of your house for you and you are welcome to come to it at any time if you get dissatisfied and I Expect it will not be Long before you are and this deponant saith that he has frequently visited the house great many years and for three or fours years of the widdow Wrights Last residence with John Wright at times frequently Lived in said house and always In my presence thought they Lived in peace and harmony They both apeared agreeable with Each other and always found a Comfortable support for the family

Question by the defendant

Did you not frequently make shoes for the family & who paid you for the same

Ans. I did, and was paid by the defendant.

Question by the plff

Was it not your opinion that the trade between John Wright & Tommy Wright was a sham trade with regard to the negro woman Judy, in order to cut the plff out of her right to her services.

Ans It was my opinion that that trade between John Wright and Tommy Wright was a sham trade but not in order to cut the plff out of her right, but from no grounds but my own opinion.

Question by the defendant

Is it your opinion that I would do any thing that would wrong or discommode the plff

Ans It is not.

John Jeter"

The next document in File 1373 was the order of the court dated May 23, 1822, which directed the payment of $100 of support from John Wright to Elizabeth Wright pending the hearing of the case and which directed the commissioner to report on what an appropriate allowance should be for Elizabeth Wright:

"Virginia to wit

At a superior court of Chancery holden at the Town of Lynchburg the 23d day of May 1822
Elizabeth Wright widow and relict of John Wright deceased Plt
against
John Wright and Tommy Wright executors of John Wright deceased and in their own right Defts

On the motion of the plaintiff by counsel for an allowance to be made for her support pen dente liete after hearing counsel in opposition thereto the court being of opinion that if in any case such allowance should be made this is that case doth adjudge order and decree that for the present the defendant John

Wright do pay unto the plaintiff the sum of one hundred dollars and that the commissioner of this Court do inquire and report to this Court at the next term what would be a reasonable allowance to the plaintiff pen dente lite having reqard to her age and condition in life and the property received from her by the said defendant.

A Copy Teste
John Wills C.C."

The next document in File 1373 was a receipt dated June 3, 1822, for payment of the allowance of John Wright to Elizabeth Wright:

"Received of John Wright One Hundred Dollars it being the same decreed by the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg on the 23d day of May 1822, that the said John Wright Should pay for the present to Mrs Elizabeth Wright, plaintiff against John Wright & Tommy Wright Defts this 3d day of June 1822

Test
Chs. Whitely

William McGeorge
Agent for
Elizabeth Wright"

The next document in File 1373 was the deposition of William Holliday on August 2, 1822, which provided as follows:

". . . . that on the 9th April 1821 he was called on by John Wright to value some Stock which was valued by Lewis Lancaster. Millener Haynes and myself to One Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars & Sixteen Cents -

Qest 1st By the Defts

Was their any grown negroes on the estate except Tye, Millie & Peter. Answer their was only the above negroes grown at the time of the Death of John Wright & Tye is since Dead

Quest by the Plf

Did not you hear John Wright say he had sold a Gray mare that belonged to the Estate

answer I heard him say he had sold the mare and Given the money to his mother that the mare had been blind for several years

Quest by the Plf

Do you know that the Stock you valued was the property of Mrs Wright answer. I was not informed to whom the Stock belonged

William his + mk" Holiday

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Millener Hynes on August 2, 1822, and provided as follows:

"That Judith a young negroe woman & Millie an old negroe woman are worth as much as such negroes generall is. Peter a negroe fellow would hire for 60 or 70 Dollars Sam: a negroe fellow worth more than Peter. Jesse a negroe man worth as much as Sam. Nicholas a negroe lad has seen him but does not know his value or hire. Lucey says he would not give any hire for her but she may be worth something he dont know - Moley, Ben, Frank, Andrew & Tom I have understood their was such on the Estate but know nothing of them

Qt. by the Deft

Do you not think some of the young negroes would be of considerable expence, Answer I suppose some of them would be an expence and others that would not & probably be worth some hire

Q by the same

Did you not always hear me say that I claimed all the negroes except Peter. Answer I have heard you claim them

Millener Hynes"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Pascal Butler on August 2, 1822, and provided as follows:

". . . . being called on by the Plaintiff to say the Hire of the following slaves do answer as followeth

Millie (old) worth as much as any of her age
Jude (young) worth as much as any of her age

Peter	60 to 70 Dollars
Sam	worth as much as Peter
Jesse	60 Dollars

Nic		40 to 50 Dollars
Moley		20 to 25 do
Ben		worth more than Moley
Frank		worth victuals & cloths
Andrew	)	
Tom	)	
Lucey	)	On Expences
George	)	
Mary	)	

Pascal his X mk" Butler

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Thomas Davis on August 2, 1822, and provided as follows:

"That in the latter part of the winter or spring of the year 1821 that this deponant happened at the house of John Wright one of the Deffendants at which time & place William McGeorge who was stated to be the agent of Elizabeth Wright & John Wright were in conversation about the affairs of Elizabeth Wright & John Wright after several propositions had pass'd between the parties they agreed to leave whole the controversy to this deponant who refus'd to undertake it in that way, but this Deponant did make such proposition to the parties for the settlement of the Dispute that was assented to by both of them & in the following way. The deffenant John Wright agreed to give to Elizabeth Wright the sum of one hundred & sevty five Dollars annually for the hire of Peter, Sam, Millie & ballance of her children Jesse Nick Morly Ben Judah & her children Also the stock was to be valud and the Deffendant John Wright was to keep his proportion of the Stock agreeable to the way the the Stock was to be Divided by the will and to Surender to Elizabeth Wright or her agent the ballance of the Stock.

Question 1st by the agent for the plaintiff

Did not the deffendant John Wright say to you some time after the contract was made that he did not understand the bargain as this deponant understood it & that he should not stand to it

Answer 1st John Wright came to this deponant some time after the contract stated in this deposition and asked this deponant if he did not understand that he was to have his proportion of of the hire of the negroes. as he the Deffendant understood it in the way. if it was not in that way he should not Stand to the bargain

Question 2nd by the Same

Did not Mrs Wright say to you that she was willing to take a great deal less than what the negroes were worth rather than go to law with her son

Answer 2nd I did hear her say so.

Question 3rd by the Same

did not the Deffendant state to you the ages of the negroe

Answer 3rd I am inclin'd to believe the ages of some negroes were Stated but have no recollection what they were at this time

Question 4th by the Same

from the statement that was given by the Deffr of the negroes did not you believe they were worth more money than what he was to give for them

Anr 4th I have no knowledge of the real value of the negroes as I never saw them all as know of but the reason why this deponant propos'd the sum of $175 - it appear to be a middle ground between the parties; but suppossed from report that they might worth more money

Question 5th by the Same

did you understand the settlement to be in the way that the Deffendt John Wright stated to you he understood it

Anser 5th I did not understand it that way

Queston 1th by the Defft

did I not Claim all the negroes excepting Peter at that time as my property

Anserrs 1st I Either understood at that time or Some time after that you had purchas'd Tommy Wrights Interest in the negroe woman & perhaps some children & it is likely might set up claim to them all but have no Distinct recollection as there had been a great Deale said about the business I did not understand that you relinquishd you title to the negroes

Thomas Davis"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of William Durret on August 6, 1822, at the tavern of William Terry and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that in the year of 1816 that he applyed to John Wright one of the defendants in this case for the loan of some money, John Wright told him that he had no mony to loan out but his mother had, and that he would talk to his mother and let him know whether this deponant could have it or not, and shortly after John Wright told him that he could have it and that she had lent on the money by him the Said Jno Wright, and this deponant saith that he Executed two bonds for the sum of two hundred and Eighty two dollars and 25/100 which was taken in Elizabeth Wrights name, a part of which was Interest at twenty five pcent which all was to be paid in six months after date, the same money I have paid of as follows all but the balance that is due, in May 1818 I paid Elizabeth Wright two hundred and forty Dollars in March 1820 I lent her $35.38 which my bond had a Credit for in May 1820 I sent her fore Dollars which the bond had a Credit for in October or November last, 1821, William McGeorge applyed to me to take in the notes, I then took in both notes from William McGeorge he stating that he was authorized to act for Elizabeth Wright I took in the two notes in the following way, that is to say, I paid her thirty dollars or upwards and Executed a new note for fifty Dollars, and shortly after I paid her about twenty Dollers, and the ballence is still due

Question 1st by the Plaintiffs agent.

Did not Elizabeth Wright dureing last summer apply to you for the balance of you was due her informing you at the same time that her property had been improperly taken from her and that she stood in need of what she then demanded to support on

Answer. She did and I informed her that I did not have the money at that time but could let her have Cattle and pork if that would suit her, she Replied that it would as she stood in need of both and accordingly took them

Quest 1st by the Deft, did you have any Right to believe that her property was improperly taken or that shee needed anything for her support

Answer. As I do not live in the neighberhood I have no chance of Judging

William Durrett"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Jeremiah Adams on August 8, 1822, which provided as follows:

"That on the 28th Decr 1820 at that time was calld on by Mrs Wright widdow of John Wright Decd to attend to some perticulars which she wishd to name to her son John Wright She the said widdow Wright at that time forwarnd the said John Wright her son puting a certain parcel of negroes under his overseerer names as followers Peter Jess Nick Mooly and Ben at the same time John Wright her son askd his Mother why she did not name Sam Milly and the ballance of her Children her answer was She gave them to her son John Wright to do as he pleasd with at the same time John Wright her son made several propersitions to his Mother which I thought very fare ones John Wright and his Mother then concluded to enter in a written agreement which they did each of them assign In My presence the next day or a few days after Mrs Wright the said widdow Wright namd to me that when her son John Wright red the articles he had left out a part of which it Containd and did not read that part to her and then Told me she would not stand to the agreement entered into between them for she considered it of no force I further say that the part which was not red was the including the boy Denis at that time in the possession of Henry Hurt

Question by plffs agent - Did I not demand all the property that he gave up in his answer?

Ans. You did.

Question by same. Did he not refuse to give up any part except an old table. Ans He did

Question by same. Are you acquainted with the negro woman Milly that was willd to Elizabeth Wright by her husband John Wright?

Ans I am not

Question by same Ary you accquainted with Peter a negro man claimd by Elizabeth Wright by the will of John Wright Decd and what do you think he would hire for by the year from the year 1818 til the year 1821

Ans. I am acquainted with him and think he would hre for eighty Dollars p year

Question by same Are you acquainted with the negro boys Sam Jesse & Nicholas and what do you think they are worth by the year each for the four year above mentioned

Ans. I think them worth about fifty five dollars p year each

Question by same. Are you acquainted with the negro boys Morly, Ben, Frank, Andrew & Tom

Ans. I am not.

Question by the Def'd. Whose negroes were those above named

Ans. I do not know, but I have always heard them calld John Wrights

Question by same. Is it not the impression of the neighbourhood generally that the plaintiff would have lived with John Wright one of the defendants if it had not been for the persuasion of some of her children

Ans. I cannot say

Jeremiah Adams"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Elizabeth Holliday on August 8, 1822, at the house of John Wright and provided as follows:

"Who sayeth That at the time that the late John Wright Decd. departed this life (who was the husband of this Plaintiff) there was but three negroes who had their growth of his estate and that one of them, the boy Tigh is since dead.

Quest 1st By the Plaintiff, Do not you believe that Jesse Nicholas Moley Ben Frank Andrew & Tom are Children of Milleys.

Answer. I believe they are

Question. 1st By the defts. Did not you hear the Plaintiff say that she had given fifty dollars each to her children except Joseph John & Tommy and that she hoped that Joseph who lived at a distance would come and get his fifty before her death & John & Tommy had theirs in their own hands

Answer. I did

Quest 2d By the Plaintiff. do you recollect what years I hired Tey to Tommy Wright

Answer. I do not

Elizabeth her + mark" Holliday

The next deposition in File 1373 was of John Jeter on August 8, 1822, at the house of John Wright and provided as follows:

"That on the 3rd of March 1821 he was at the dwelling house of Mrs Elizabeth Wright on which day se movd from her place of former residence and took with her the following property Viz, two feather beaads and furniture one cupboard puter chanieware and Earthen ware &c sufficient for the same, one case of drawrs Cloathing &c One walnut Table One walnut Chest, One sealskin trunk and other household and kitching furniture and about one hundred and fifty lbs of bacon all of which he supposses to be four or five Loads for Two Oxen in a Cart

Question 1st by the plaintiff, Did not I demand more property than was took away

Ansr you did of kitching furniture

Question 1st by the Deft; What was the reply;; Answer this furniture is at the quarter and you can have it at any time

Question 2nd, did you not here mother say that she had given fifty dollars to all of her children except my self and brother Joseph

Answer, I did

John Jeter"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Charles Whitely on August 8, 1822, at the house of John Wright and provided as follows:

"That from an examination of his books this deponent finds that on the 6th November 1818 he borrowd from William McGeorge the sum of fifty four pounds the larger part or all of which the said McGeorge informd this deponent belonged to Mrs Elizabeth Wright, which sum of money continued in the hands of this deponent until the 26th of October 1819 at which time the sd amount was discharged and an Interest of twelve p cent p annum paid on the many during the time it was in the hands of this deponent. The whole amount of which was paid to the sd William McGeorge or his order.

Chs Whitely"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Matthew Wright on August 8, 1822, at the house of John Wright and provided as follows:

"That he was a witness to a note executed by Thomas Wright to Elizabeth Wright the plaintiff in this case for the sum of eighty five dollars & sixty cents due

23d day of August 1821 and this deponent believes the obligor in said note to be intirely good for said amount

Question by Defendent. How many negroes belonging to the estate of John Wright Decd were grown at the time of his death?

Ans. There was one.

Question by same. Is not the negro man (Sceye) bequethed by John Wright Decd to Tommy Wright since dead?

Ans I believe he is.

Question by plffs agent. Did you ever hear John Wright say what the price was for which the negro woman Judy belonging to the estate of John Wright Decd was sold when sold by him the said John Wright the Def'd in this case

Ans. I never heard him say.

Question by same Have you any knowledge of the plaintiff relinquishing his right to the negro woman Judy & her children

Ans. I have not

Matthew Wright"

In November 1822 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/311 the court ordered John Wright and Tommey Wright, as executors of the will of John Wright, to show cause why they should not post additional security for their administration of the estate:

"John Wright Dec by Tommey Wright & John Wright as executor on __ It is ordered that they be summoned to the next court to give their sd Secys countersecy &c"

The next document in File 1373 was an agreement that Elizabeth Wright and William McGeorge would not carry the slave Peter out of the state of Virginia and provided as follows:

"Whereas by the last will and Testament of John Wright Decd late of Bedford County, he devised unto his son Anthony Wright a Certain negro fellow by the name of Peter to be his property at the Death of the Testators wife but to be the property of the Testators wife During her lifetime, and John Wright Junr. having

purchased the Reversionary Right of the said negro, wee bind ourselves Our Heirs &c that the said negro shall nott be carried out of the State of Virginia by any Conveyance or Consent of ours during the life of the Testaors wife, and then shall be Delivered to the said Jno Wright or those claiming under him as wittness our hands this 30th day of December 1822, the Said negro boy has never been Delivered to us since the institution of the Suit of Elizabeth Wright against the said John Wright and Tommy Wright till the date above written as wittness our hands and Seals to the above date &c

Witness
Jeremiah Adams

her
Elizabeth x Wright
mark
William McGeorge"

Pursuant to the court order dated May 23, 1822, directing that a commissioner determine the amount of support properly payable to Elizabeth Wright, James Berragh notified the parties on April 10, 1823, that he had set Friday May 16, 1823, as the date for the hearing on that matter.

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Elizabeth Maddry on May 8, 1823, at the house of Tommy Wright in Bedford County and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that she lived in the house with Elizabeth Wright and John Wright nearly two years as one of there family some where about the years of 1811, 1812 or 1813 that during that time she often heard Mrs Elizabeth Wright say that her son John was to maintain the family, and was to have any thing above that he could make, the said John always during that time defrayed the expences of the family as I understood from both of them, and I often heard Elizabeth Wright say that if her son John would continue to live with her or lett her live with him that he should have all he could make, if he could make any thing during her or his lifetime, and further saith that Elizabeth Wright the plaintiff appeard to be perfectly satisfyed with that agreement betwixt the two herself and her son John during the time I lived with them and further this deponent saith not

Elizabeth M. Madder_(?)"

On May 17, 1823, James Beragh filed his report in File 1373 on the request for support pending the resolution of the lawsuit. That report provided as follows:

"Your commissioner in pursuance of the foregoing order on the 10th day of April 1823 issued his notice to the parties that he had appointed Friday the sixteenth day of May following to carry the said order of court into effect (a copy of which notice is herewith filed marked A) on which day the defendant John Wright

attend at your commissioners office where he proceeded to examine the papers filed in this cause and begs leave to submit to the court following report

It appears from the answer of Tommy Wright that the plaintiff was seventy four or seventy five years of age in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one and by the evidence of Lucy Lancaster that she is old and infirm and incapable of supporting herself, her condition in life does not appear from the evidence, she may have lived in ease and affluence or she may have been restricted in the necessaries of life the only mode of Judging of her condition in life as the evidence now is, is the property left by her husband for her support which agreeable to the inventory and

appraisement	£953.13.5
Deduct amount of slaves	£450. 0.0
4 legacies of £10 each	40. 0.0
3 horses (supposed value)	60. 0.0
3 beds and furniture (supposed value)	£ 18. 0.0
	568: 0:0
	£385:13:5

Add to this the slaves with their increase if the court should be of opinion that the plaintiff has a life estate in them the slaves divided are as follows

To Tommy Wright a Slave named Tye after the death of the plaintiff

Sarah Wright a slave named Rachal to be delivered to the donee when the plaintiff should think proper

Anthony Wright a slave named Peter after the death of the plaintiff

Nancy Asbury a slave named Let to be delivered the donee whence the plaintiff should think proper

Betsy Wright a slave named Jude after the death of the plaintiff

Polly Wright a slave named Hannah to be delivered to the donee when the plaintiff should think proper

Rhoda Wright a slave named Jane in the donees possession

John Wright two slaves named Sam and Milly to be his at the plaintiffs death

Joseph Wright a negro named Isaac to be his property at the plts death

Ruth Wright a slave named Margarett

It appears from the foregoing abstract that the plaintiff by the will of her deceased husband is entitled to the services of the following slaves Viz, Tye, Peter, Jude, Milly, Sam, and Isaac with the increase of the females of them during her life unless that is restricted by the devise in the will of John Wright deceased giving to the plaintiff the use for life of the grown negroes which appears by the evidence of Elizabeth Holladay to have been but three and that Tye one of them is since dead the remaining two the commissioner supposes to be Milly and Peter, as a register of the ages of the slaves recorded in Bedford Court in December 1809 states the age of Milly to be about 32 and Peter about 23 years

If the whole of the slaves with their increase belongs to the plaintiff during life then by hireing them she would receive the following sums as appears by the evidence of Pascal Butler and the evidence of Millener Haynes so far as the latter testamony speaks of the hire of the slaves

Milly (hire supposed)	20:00
Jude (hire supposed)	40.00
Peter	65:00
Sam	65.00
Jesse	60.00
Nicholus	65.00
Moley	22:50
Ben	22.50
	$340.00

If the slaves Peter and Milly are considered only to be devised to the plaintiff during her life then the negros Jude and Sam should be deducted from the foregoing sum the others appear by the evidence of Elizabeth Halloway to be the children of Milly

Amount above	$340.00
Deduct Jude, hire $40 and Sam $65	$105.00
	$235.00

Add to either of these sums the use of the property as given by the defendant John Wright in his answer and it would make a comfortable support for the plaintiff. The commissioner thinks that the defendants who are in the enjoyment of the property could not be injured by paying Two Hundred Dollars to the plaintiff during the pendency of this suit and he thinks that, that sum would be a reasonable allowance to the plaintiff on which she could in all probability support herself without difficulty

All of which is respectfully submitted to your honour

James Beragh C."

On the back of the report was the order of the court in File 1373 which provided as follows:

> "On the mo. of the plff, by counsel, for an increase of her alld pendente lite, the court, on considn of the bill, answers, _____(?) as well as the _____(?) of &c made the with ansr: thereto by the def. John Wright, and after hearg.(?) counsel in opp. to the mo. doth order &c $150 annual from the dnts hereof"

On May 17, 1823, John Wright objected to the order as follows:

> "The defendant John Wright excepts to the report of Master Commissioner Beragh. Because the sum reported as a proper allowance per annum to the plaintiff is far beyond the profits of any property belonging to her in the possession of the defendant, and the said defendant contends that he is not liable for any sum beyond those profits"

On July 14, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/15 Anthony Wright filed a motion for John Wright and Tommey Wright, as executors of the will of John Wright, to post additional security for their administration of the estate:

> "On the mo. of Anthony Wright one of the secys to the Exors & legatee of John Wright Dec suggesting his fear & It is ordered that John & Tommy Wright his Exors be summoned to the next Court to give their sd Security &c counter security"

On July 30, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/28 Tommey Wright gave additional security for acting as executor of the will of John Wright, but the other executor, John Wright, refused and was removed as executor:

> "On the mo of Anthony Wright one of the Securiteys for the Exors of John Wright Dec, and one of the distributees of sd Decedent & for reasons appearing to the Court It is ordered that Tommy Wright one of the Executors of sd John Decd give sufficient counter Security during this term & that thereupon he continue as an Executor of sd Decedent & John Wright the other Exor having refused to give further Security - It is ordered that he be removed from his office of Executor of sd John Decd"

On September 22, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/45 on the complaint of Anthony Wright, both Tommey Wright and John Wright were removed as executors of the will of John Wright:

> "On the complaint of Anthony Wright one of the Securitys of John & Tommy Wright Exors of John Wright Decd & one of the distributees of sd John Dec It is ordered that the sd John & Tommy Wright be removed from the sd office of Executors & further that they surrender all goods chattles & effects in their hands belonging to the Estate of the sd John Dec to Elizabeth Wright formerly their Co. executrix"

A summary of the case in File 1373 was filed on October 27, 1823, setting forth the history of the documents on file and the motions and actions of the parties.

In October 1823 the court in File 1373 rendered the following opinion:

> "This cause came on &c.
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> On consideration whereof, the court being of opinion, that the plaintiff under the will of her husband John Wright deceased, is entitled to an estate for life, first in the money on hand at the testators death, secondly in his credits whether by bond note or open account, thirdly in his stock of every kind, fourthly in his household and kitchen furniture, and lastly in all his slaves whether young or old, not absolutely given away by his will, that among the slaves, to which the plaintiff is so entitled for life, are those in controversy to wit, Peter, Sam, Milly and her children Jude and her children, to none of whom hath this defendant John Wright shewn any such title by gift or relinquishment, as he hath alledged in his answer; - the court being also of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to an decree for the immediate possession of the aforesaid stock furniture and slaves except Peter who hath been given up to her pending the suit - upon her giving bond, with sufficient security to the defendants John & Tommy Wright, in a penalty equal to double the value of said property to be ascertained by a commissioner of this court, conditioned, for the forth coming and ____(?) to the said defendants or the survivor of them, his exeors and administrators, for the purposes of their testator's will -of so much of the said stock and furniture and so meney of the said slaves and their increase as may be in existence at the death of the plaintiff, and for making just compensation to said defendants, for any loss or injury which may happen to said furniture stock or slaves or their increase, by the misconduct or negligence of the plaintiff; and being moreover of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to an account of the money and credits of the testator which may have been received by the defendants, and to an account of the annual hire and profits of the slaves and other personal estate aforesaid from the commencement of the year 1820 -with which the defendant John Wright is chargeable - which account of hire and profits may be carried back to the death

of the testator, if the said John Wright shall choose it - excluding therefrom the year 1819 - which is covered by the contract alledged in the bill and admitted in the answer whereby the sd. John was to pay the plaintiff one hundred dollars, besides her maintenance for the use of her property aforesaid which said sum of one hundred dollars has been paid by the order of this court pending this suit; doth therefore adjudge order and decree that, upon the plaintiffs executing bond and security as aforesaid, and filing the same in this court or with the clerk thereof in ____(?) the defendant John Wright do deliver to her the furniture stock and slaves aforesaid with their increase to be held and enjoyed by her, under the will of her husband for and during her natural life; - and that one of the commissioners of this court do ascertain the penalty of the bond aforesaid and take an account of the money and credits aforesaid. and if the hires and profits of aforesaid pursuant to the foregoing principles, allowing to the said John Wright, all just and proper charges for the maintenance of the plaintiff, and for raising of the young negroes, during the period for which the account of aforesaid shall be taken - Commr to proceed & report in the usual form"

On November 28, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/82 Anthony Wright filed a motion for Elizabeth Wright to post additional security for her administration of the estate of John Wright:

"On the Motion of Anthony Wright one of the distributees of John Wright decd. and one of the secureitys of Elizabeth Wright Executrix of sd. Decedent Itis ordered that the sd Elizabeth Wright Executrix &c be summoned to shew cause if any she can Why she should Not be ruled to give Counter secureity to the sd. Anthony Wright for her administration upon the sd. estate"

John Wright appealed from the court decision in File 1373 and then on August 18, 1824, John Wright withdrew his appeal and stated that he did not intend to prosecute it further and Elizabeth Wright consented to the dismissal of the appeal on August 23, 1824.

On October 13, 1824, the following affidavit was filed in File 1373 by John Wright:

"The affidavitte of John Wright -

This affiant saith that shortly after the Decree of Elizabeth Wright against the afiant and Tommy Wright which Decree was made October term in 1823, this afiant Received a message from the pltf that she wished to compound the suit amicably out of Court and wisht to see me on that subject. I called on her shortly after receiving the message and there were several propositions made. Ultimately I offered her what she offered to take she then stated that she must

have some time to consider on the subject and that I must come and see her again, twas not verry long before I calld on her again and she then changed the terms from the fomer proposition but I at length told her that I would accede to that proposition when she stated that she must have some time to counsel with her friends but observed there was no doubt but that we should make it up I calld on her several times and the occurrences was about the same she allways at these times manifesting a disposition to settle the matter but still would put it of under some pretext or other, a short time however before six months had expired, which I thought I had to carry up the papers, after taking the apeal I called on her and told her that the time was nearly out and that I must know whether I had to carry up the copy of the Records or not she then insinuated there was no doubt but what we should settle the matter out of Court, but not long afterwards I Received a message by Anthony Wright whom she then lived with that she did not wish to see me on that subject any more but six months had now expired sence the apeal was granted thus things stood tell Bedford June court last when I called on Thomas Davis whom I had frequently understood was her agent and asked him if there was any chance to compound the matter he said he did nott know I then told him what I would give her and he Replyed that ought to satisfy her or any other person and observing at the same time that he was not authorized to make it up but not very long after that I understood that they had ordered a copy of the Records at this time I wisht to dismiss the apeal and went to the party and by consent of the parties wee dismisst the apeal and sent it on to the clerk's office

John Wright"

On January 17, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/110 Elizabeth Wright executed a deed of trust in favor of Thomas Davis, as trustee, as to four slaves, Peter, Nick, Judah, and Ben in order to secure Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewbury, and the heirs of Thomas Logwood, deceased, against loss by reason of their suretyship position on the bond given by Elizabeth Wright, Tommey Wright, and John Wright in order to qualify as executors of the estate of 1803 John Wright:

"This Indenture made this 17th day of January in the year of one thousand eight hundred and twenty five between Elizabeth Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Thomas Davis of the other part Witnesseth: That the said Elizabeth Wright in order to secure indemnify and save harmless Anthony Wright Joel Shrewsbury and the heirs of Thomas Logwood Decd. against all damages, costs, charges and expenses that may at any time be recovered of them or either of them, when a bond given by the said Elizabeth Wright Executrix and Tommey Wright and John Wright Executors of John Wright Deceased with the said Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewsbury and Thomas Logwood securities to the

Justice of Bedford County conditioned for the true & faithful execution of the Will of the Deceased and for the faithful discharge of all the duties by law imposed on them as executrix and executors, so far as they may be bound for the transactions of the said executrix Elizabeth Wright and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said Thomas Davis to the said Elizabeth Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents she the said Elizabeth Wright hath bargained, sold and delivered, and by these presents doth bargain sell and deliver unto the said Thomas Davis the following negroe slaves viz, Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben. To have and to hold the aforesaid negroe slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben unto the said Thomas Davis heirs, executors, admrs and assigns forever. And the said Elizabeth Wright for herself and her heirs, doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend the aforesaid negroe slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben unto the said Thomas Davis heirs, executors, administrators & assigns forever against the claims and demands all persons whatsoever. Upon trust nevertheless that the said Thomas Davis shall when any recovery's may be had against the said Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewsbury and the heirs of Thomas Logwood Decd. or either of them and being requested by the person against whom such recovery may be had proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder all the aforesaid slaves (after having advertised thirty days notice of the time & place of sale in some newspaper published in Lynchburg or so many thereof as will satisfy and pay all such recoverys and the legal charges of carrying this trust into full and complete effect and out of the money arising from such sale in the first place satisfy and pay all such recovery as may be had against the said Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewsbury and the heirs of Thomas Logwood Decd. together with the legal charges attending this deed. And the surplus if any to the said Elizabeth or to such person as She may in writing under her hand and seal appoint, and in default of such appointment to such person or persons as would be thereto entitled by virtue of the statute for the distribution of intestates estates. In witness where the said Elizabeth Wright hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

his
Edmund X Taylor
mark

her
Elizabeth X Wright
mark

Archibald Wright
Solomon Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of January 1825. This deed of trust was proved by the oath of Edmund Taylor Archibald

Wright and Solomon Wright subscribing witnesses thereto and named to be recorded.

Teste
Jno Steptoe C.B.C"

On December 14, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/481 Elizabeth Wright gave six slaves to her grandson Joel as part of the compromise of the same suit. The family relationships set forth in the deed make it clear that this Elizabeth Wright was the same as the widow of 1803 John Wright:

"Know all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to Joel Wright my grandson of the aforesaid County and State, and for the further consideration that the negro woman hereafter named was left by my husband John Wright Dec'd to his daughter Elizabeth Corley to be her property at my death and the said Elizabeth Corley conveyed her right to Tommy Wright and the said Tommy Wright conveyed the said right to John Wright and the said John Wright conveyed the said right to the said Joel Wright and the said Joel Wright conveyed his right to me in a compromise in a suit betwixt myself plaintiff and John & Tommy Wright defendants and also for the further consideration that the said Joel Wright is to bear his proportional part with John Wright for my future board and expence during my life time and also for the further consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid by the said Joel Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of the presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted and by these presents do give & grant unto the said Joel Wright his heirs etc. a certain negro woman by the name of Judah it being the same alluded to above and her five children Viz a boy named Jim, a girl named Susan, Boy named Peter, girl named Dicey, and girl named Nancy but the above named Susan, Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife has a life estate in by a deed of gift, which this deed of gift is subject to against the claim of her the said Elizabeth Wright her Exors admnrs or assigns, against the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever to the aforesaid negroes I shall and will warrant and forever defend. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixt my seal this 14th day of December 1834

Witness,
Benjamin Bowles
James Dillard
Thomas Lancaster

Elizabeth her X mark Wright

Bedford Clerks Office February 11th 1835

This deed of gift from Elizabeth Wright to Joel Wright conveying personal estate, was produced in the office and proved by the oath of James Dillard a Subscribing Witness thereto And afterwards to Wit, At a Court held for said County of Bedford at the Courthouse the 22nd day of June 1835, the same was further proved by the oath of Thomas Lancaster another Subscribing Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On December 17, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/480 Elizabeth Wright executed a deed of gift of two slaves to her son John Wright in consideration of compromising the lawsuit she had instituted against him over the two slaves and a promise that John would share in her support with Joel Wright for the remainder of her life:

"Know all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to John Wright my son of the aforesaid County and State and for the further consideration that the two negroes hereafter named was claimed by the said John Wright, and whereas I instituted a suit for said two negroes and others in the Superior Court of law and chancery holden at Lynchburg which will more fully show by a reference thereto being had, and in a compromise in the said suit the said John Wright conveyed his right and title to me to the said two negroes and also for the further consideration that the said John Wright is to bear his proportionate part with Joel Wright for my future board & expense during my life, and also for the further consideration of one dollar to and in hand paid by the said John Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said John Wright his heirs etc. the two negro men above aluded to Viz. Peter a yellow fellow and Ben a black man which I now have in possession, also a bond on William McGeorge for the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars bearing date the 17th day of December 1818, against the claim of her the said Elizabeth Wright, her executors, administrators or assigns against the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever to the aforesaid two negroes and bond I shall and

will warrant & forever defend. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of Decemer 1834

Witness
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Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On July 28, 1837, the following dismissal was filed by Elizabeth Wright in the case of Wright v. Wright, File 1373:

"To the Clerk of Lynchburg District Court of Chancery,

Sir you will pleas dismiss my suit against Tommey & John Wright as the matter between my self and them has Long sence bean comprimisd. Yours Resptly

Elizabeth her + mark Wright

Test Joel Wright July 28th 1837"

The obligation of Elizabeth Wright's son John to support his mother was referred to in the will of 1840 John Wright dated August 24, 1839, and probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204:

". . . . 10th Whereas I am under obligations to pay a certain proportion towards the support of my mother from the first day of next January, now it is my will and desire that my proportion be regularly paid by my Executors, the amount of which I wish to be made up by taking an equal portion from the hire of my three boys, Ben, Frank & Andy . . . ."

In the 1840 Census for Bedford County a woman aged 80-90 appeared for the first time in the household of Joel Wright. As will be suggested below, Tommey Wright and his wife Synthia were also living with Joel Wright. It would be natural for Elizabeth Wright to live with her son Tommey Wright and her grandson Joel Wright. If the 80 to 90 year old woman was in fact 1803 John Wright's widow Elizabeth, it would make her birth date between 1750 and 1760. As will be indicated below, the birth date of her son Tommey is estimated at 1764. The two dates are inconsistent, and this probably represents the failure of Elizabeth to be certain about her own age nearly 90 years after her birth or an error in the census. The documents in File 1373 of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, that Elizabeth was 74 or 75 years of age in 1821 is a more accurate indication of her date of birth.

In the account for the estate of John Wright filed January 23, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/238 by Joel Wright, executor, the following entries were listed:

> "Sep 23, 1841 - Jno Wrights portion of Elizabeth Wrights board for 1840 - $45.83 . . .
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> Dec 31, 1841 - Jno Wright's portion of Elizabeth Wright's board for 1841 - $45.83 . . .
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> In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford I have proceeded to settle account current of the estate of John Wright deceased with Joel Wright, executor as above stated, there are two charges for boarding Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, the testator's mother to whose support it appears by the testator's will he was bound to contribute the amount is respected by the executor to be the same for which he was bound."

The above document makes clear that Elizabeth Wright, the widow of 1803 John Wright, survived until at least 1841.

In July 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/221 Elizabeth Wright was ordered to provide hands for the building of a road:

> "Bandy's petition for a road. This day came the petitioner and the Summons awarded against the proprietors of the lands through which said road is proposed to be conducted, having been duly Summoned and not appearing, on the motion of the petitioner, and all the Circumstances being weighed, the Court doth order

that the said road be established agreeably to the report of the viewers, and the Court doth order that the said Thomas Bandy with his own hands, and the hands of Anthony Wright, Elizabeth Wright, James Payne, Matthew Pate and Edmund Pate, open the said road and putit in condition for use."

In November 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/63 James Corley was appointed to survey the road that intersected at Betsey Wright's:

"Ordered that James Corley be appointed Surveyor of the road from Hardy's road passing Bandy's Saw mill to a new road applied for by Edmund Pate intersecting at Betsey Wrights with the following hands Viz Samuel Bandy, Fleming Neighbours, Anderson Neighbours, Beverly Corley, Matthew Bandy, Thomas Bandy & hands, John Armstrong & William Armstrong."

In January 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/233 the court ordered that the estate of Elizabeth Wright be committed to the sheriff:

"Ordered that the estate of Elizabeth Wright Deceased be committed to the Sheriff of this County to be by him administered according to law it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that she has been dead more than three months and no person having applied for administration on her estate."

This record indicates that Elizabeth Wright had died prior to November 1843.

In January 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/233 the court appointed appraisers for the estate of Elizabeth Wright:

"Ordered that Stephen C. Hurt, Thomas Melson, William Hollady, and Isaac Gilpin or any three of them being first sworn, appraise the estate of Elizabeth Wright Deceased and report to Court."

The inventory and appraisement for the estate of Elizabeth Wright was recorded on March 25, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/450. The appraisers were appointed at the January 1844 Court, suggesting her death in December 1843 or January 1844. The total value of the three items listed in the inventory was $16.00:

"A List of the Appraisement of the property of Elizabeth Wright deceased Viz

1 Bed Bedstead & Covering	$10.00
1 Chest of Drawers	5.50
1 Sett Spoon Moulds	.50
	$16.00

Stephen C. Hurt
his
Wm X Holliday
Mark
Thomas Melson

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of March 1844. This appraisement of the estate of Elizabeth Wright Deceased was produced in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C.

Bedford January Court 1844

Ordered that Stephen C. Hurt, Thomas Melson, William Hollady and Isaac Gilpin or any three of them being first sworn, appraise the estate of Elizabeth Wright deceased and report to Court.

A Copy
Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C.

I do hereby certify that Stephen C Hurt Thomas Melson & William Holliday was duly qualified as appraisers of the Est of Elizabeth Wright decd. Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1844

Jno. Claytor J.P."

On or about January 25, 1844, William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge filed a further complaint in the Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 413, regarding the estate of 1803 John Wright:

"To The Honourable Daniel A. Wilson Judge of The Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for the County of Bedford

The Bill of Complaint of William McGeorge and Ruth his wife formerly Ruth Wright Respectfully represents unto your Honour, That John Wright the father of your Oratrix departed this life on the ____ day of ____ 1803 having first made and published his last will and Testament which was found and admitted to record in the County Court of Bedford in the __ day of September 1803 and Elizabeth Wright (the widow of the said John) and Tommy Wright & John Wright the Executrix and Executors named in said will (having first entered into bond in the penalty of $10.000. with Anthony Wright Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Logwood as their securities conditioned according to law) qualified as such Executrix & Executors according to law (as will more fully appear by office copies of the said will & probat & of the executorial bond aforesaid herewith exhibited marked ____) and took upon themselves the burden of the execution of the said will.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that shortly after the death of the Testator the executrix & executors took into their possession the whole of the estate of their Testator and caused an appraisement of the personal property of said estate to be made which amounted to the sum of £953.13.5 including slaves and to the sum of £503.13.5 exclusive of the slaves as will more fully appear by an office copy of the same herewith exhibited as part of this bill marked

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that by the will aforesaid the said Testator gave to your Oratrix a negro Girl named Margaret a Tract of Land & Horse & Bed, To Tommy Wright a negro called Tye to be his own property at the death of Testator's wife To his son Anthony Wright a negro boy Peter upon the same condition & terms To his son the said John Wright a negro boy named Sam & a negro woman named Milly to be his property at the death of his (testator's) wife To his son Joseph Wright a negro boy named Isaac to be his own property at the death of Testators wife to his daughter Betsy a negro Girl named Jude upon the same terms and after various other devises and bequests he devised & bequeathed to his wife Elizabeth Wright as follows viz. "I do will to my well beloved wife all my money in hand or owing to me by notes bonds or accompts Together with all my stock of every kind Household & Kitchen furniture with all my negroes that is grown &c her life time then to be divided as above, Whatever stock should be in hand at my wife's death I do will shall be equally divided between John Joseph & Ruth being my three youngest children "as will more fully and at large appear by the said will herein before referred to

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that by a fair & proper construction of the said Will That the Testators daughters Nancy Asbury, Rhoda & your Oratrix took a present interest & right in the property specifically devised & bequeathed to them

immediately upon the death of the testator, and that the other devises and legatees took no right or interest in the property specifically devised & bequeathed to them until the termination of the life estate of the Testator's wife (except such of them as to the delivery of whose legacies was discretionary with the Testators said wife whose right & property commenced whenever she chose to deliver over the legacies bequeathed at her discretion) and that those legatees are only entitled to the property specifically bequeathed to them at the time when their right of possession to the same accrued and no more and that as to the increase of the slaves Rachael, Jude Hannah & Milly in the will mentioned from the death of the said Testator to the times when the several specific legatees of the said slaves would under the provisions of the said Will be entitled to the same whatever that increase may have been belonged to and was part of the estate of the Testator and was & is subject to be divided among his heirs at law according to the statute of descents. And as to all the other personal chattels of the said Testator not otherwise disposed of by the said Will, that the said John Wright Joseph Wright & your oratrix became entitled to the same as the residuary legatees of said Testator

Your orator & oratrix further represent that for a few years (some two or three) after the death of the Testator the said John Wright resided with the said Elizabeth in the capacity of manager after which the said John Wright took possession of all of the estate of the said Testator and took the management of the whole matter into his own hand only allowing his mother the said Elizabeth a support from the profits of the same and applied all the residue of the annual profits of said Estate to his own use. They further represent that this state of things continued for several years between the said John & his mother when she became dissatisfied with the compensation paid to her by the said John for the use of the estate bequeathed & devised to her for life as aforesaid and the said John being unwilling to pay her what she deemed a fair compensation for the use & profits of the said estate or to restore the possession of the same to her She finally in the year 1821 instituted a suit in the late Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District against the said John Wright & his Co-Executor Tommy Wright to recover the possession of the Estate so devised & bequeathed to her for life as aforesaid and of the profits thereof whilst the same had remained in the possession of the said John Wright upon which such proceedings were had that on the 27 day of October 1823 a decree was pronounced in said cause requiring the said John Wright to deliver to the said Elizabeth all the estate of the said John Wright Decd upon her executing bond & security
Conditioned for the forthcoming of said property at her death and for making just compensation to the defendants for any loss or injury which might happen to the said furniture stock or slaves or their increase which might happen by the misconduct or negligence of the said Elizabeth as will more fully and at large appear by the copies of the bill of the said Elizabeth answers of said John &

Tommy and proceedings in the said suit herewith exhibited as part of this bill marked ____

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that after the decree aforesaid was made the said John Tommy & Elizabeth Wright entered into a compromise whereby it was agreed that the said Elizabeth should not give the bond required of her by the decree of the chancellor and that the said John should not be required to surrender said estate or to account for its profits. In consideration of which it was agreed that the said John & Tommy Wright should convey or cause to be conveyed to the said Elizabeth an absolute title to the slaves Peter & Ben and Jude & her children, and to support her during her life and accordingly the said slaves were conveyed to her, the said Peter & Ben by the said John Wright & the said Jude & her children by Joel Wright the son of said Tommy & in behalf of the said Tommy (the said Tommy having before that made over his property to said Joel by deed of gift). The said Tommy & John claimed the slaves Peter & Jude as having purchased the same from the persons entitled to them as remainder under the will of the said John Wright Decd after the death of said Elizabeth and pretended to claim the said Ben & the children of Jude because they were the children of Negro women slaves to which they would be entitled either as specific legatees or as purchasers of specific legatees after the death of said Elizabeth (notwithstanding they were born before they became entitled to their mothers and notwithstanding the will had made no bequest of the issue of the slaves born during the life estate and had expressly limited the life estate as to shuch slaves as were grown & directed those particular slaves to be given to the specific legatees at the death of the said Elizabeth showing clearly that the Testator did not intend to dispose of the issue of the female slaves born pending the life estate of his wife to the persons who would be entitled to their masters at the termination of the life estate). And the said John was to hold the residue of the said Estate during the life time of the said Elizabeth and at her death was to account to the residuary legatees for the stock & perishable estate of the said Testator

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that the said Elizabeth Wright the widow of the Testator was entitled under the will aforesaid to nothing more than the use of the property devised & bequeathed to him during her natural life and was bound to keep up the stocks of Hogs Cattle Sheep Brood Mares &c so as to render the same at her death to the remaindermen in the same condition she received them from the Testator's estate and that for the crop on hand at the Testator's death over & above a sufficiency for the family and for all the stock & perishable property sold by her and principal of all money collected by her her Estate at her death was liable to the residuary legatees before named and that in as much as it was the duty of the said John & Tommy Wright to have required bond & security of the said Elizabeth for the forthcoming of said property at her death (and more especially as they were required to take such bond by the decree

aforesaid) If they had the said property themselves or delivered it over to said Elizabeth without such bond They are bound to account for the same to those entitled in remainder

Your orator & oratrix further charge that the said Elizabeth & the said John & Tommy Wright sold & disposed in one way & another of a large portion of the stock & other property devised & bequeathed to said Elizabeth for life (without any manner of necessity for so doing so far as the estate of their Testator was concerned) and applied the proceeds thereof to their own use - and they are advised that the said Elizabeth Wright's Estate & the said John Wright's Estate & Tommy Wright are now accountable to the legatees of the said John Wright the Elder for the value of the same. They further charge that the said Anthony Wright by some agreement between him & the said Elizabeth & John & Tommy Wright or some of those became possessed of two or three valuable Horses belonging to the estate of the said Testator & used & disposed thereof to his own use well knowing that they belonged to the said Testator's estate & That the said Elizabeth had only a life estate therein and they are advised that the said Anthony as well as the said Executors is liable to account to the legatees of the said Testator for the value of the same

Your Orator & Oratrix further charge that the said Exectrix & Executors have never at any time rendered an account of their administration of the estate of the said Testator and that upon a fair settlement of their accounts a large amount would be found due from them to the estate of their Testator

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent That about twelve months after the death of the said John Wright the elder Joseph Wright one of the legatees of the Testator took into his possession against the consent of the said Elizabeth the slave given to him at the death of the said Elizabeth and without the consent & contrary to the wishes of the said Elizabeth carried him to the state of Kentucky and had the use & profits of the said slave ever after. Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that the said Joseph in his life time & his estate since his death is liable and ought to be herd to account for the hires of the said slaves from the time the said Joseph got possession of him until the death of the said Elizabeth.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that the said Elizabeth Wright departed this life on the __ day of ____ 1842 intestate and that administration on her estate has in due form of law been committed to Nicholas Robertson high Sheriff of this County. That the said John Wright the younger also departed this life on the __ day of ____ having first made & published his last will & testament whereof the said Joel Wright and one James Wright were appointed executors who have duly proved the same in the County Court of Bedford & taken upon themselves the burthen of the execution of the same

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent That after the compromise of the Chancery suit is herein before stated and after the said Elizabeth had become liable to make good to the legatees of the said John Wright the elder the value of the legacies given to them as aforesaid at her death and after she had become responsible for a large amount which would be due to the Estate of her husband at her death and after she had attained to near ninety years of age and her mind had become greatly impaired & enfeebled so as to render her incapable of making contracts or doing business the said John Wright in his life Time & the said Tommy Wright & Joel Wright procured her in the year 1834 to make to them deeds of gift whereby they promised to themselves a conveyance of all the slaves which she had acquired under the contract of compromise herein before mentioned when she was of sound understanding as will more fully appear by copies of the said deeds of conveyance from the said Elizabeth to the said John & Joel Wright herewith exhibited as parts of this bill marked ____ whereby she would be effectively deprived of the means of meeting the liabilities which she had incurred to the legatees under the will of her husband

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that these deeds if they should be deemed good & effectual to pass a Title to the donees of any of the said slaves (which they deny) would not be efficient to pass any Title at all to the said donees of the slaves Ben & the five children of Jude namely Jim Susan Peter Dicey & Mary (all of whom were born after the death of the Testator & during the life time of the said Elizabeth) ____ them for the life time of the said Elizabeth, But that they and the other slaves the increase of the female slave specifically bequeathed as aforesaid born under similar circumstances belong to and are liable and ought to be divided among the heirs of the said John Wright Sr Decd and that their right to the same accrued immediately upon the death of the said Elizabeth But if they are mistaken in this they are advised that the said deeds are void and inoperative as to all the creditors of the said Elizabeth Wrights estate and that the said slaves ought to and will be held liable in the hands of said donees for all the demands for which the said Elizabeth was responsible as Executrix on as tenant for life under the will aforesaid. They charge that at the time of the execution of the deeds of gift aforesaid the said Elizabeth had incured all the liabilities for which her estate would be responsible & liable to pay at her death. And that the property so conveyed by the said deeds was all that she possessed of any value. And they are advised that she could not rightfully give away her property and have those who would have just demands against her estate at the time of her death unpaid, and that the said donees will not be countenanced in this court in holding the same against those who have just demands against the said Elizabeth Wright's estate.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that the said Sarah Wright intermarried with William Wheeler both of whom now reside out of this state That the said Betsy Wright intermarried with Wm Corley & the said Polly Wright intermarried

with Joseph Hopper all of whom likewise reside out of this state. That the said Rhody Wright intermarried with Henry Hurt & survived her husband and has departed this life intestate since the death of her said husband and the said Joseph Wright has likewise departed this life intestate and administration on both of their estates has likewise been committed to the said Nicholas Robertson High Sheriff as aforesaid and the said Thos Dogwood has also departed this life & one Thos Sale is his Executor Your Oratrix and Orator charge that the actings and doings of the said Elizabeth John Tommy Anthony Joel & Joseph Wright and their confedrates in the premises are oppression contrary to equity & good conscious and tend greatly to this injury & oppression of your Orator & Oratrix who are without remedy at law & only relevable in equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable. To the end therefore that they may obtain that relief to which they are entitled they pray that the said Tommy Wright Anthony Wright Joel Wright & James Wright as well in their own right as executors of the said John Wright the younger Nicholas Robertson as administrator of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd as administrator of the said Joseph Wright Decd and as administrator of the said Rhody Hurt Decd William Wheeler & Sarah his wife Nancy Asbury William Corley & Betsy his wife Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife and Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Sale Executor of Thomas Logwood Decd may by the proper process be made Defendants to this bill and compelled on their several corporal oath full true & perfect answers to make to all the allegations herein contained. That the said Tommy Wright & Joel Wright & James Wright may especially answer and say whether the slaves Milly & Jude in the will of the said John Wright the elder mentioned did not have children after the death of the said John the elder & before the death of the said Elizabeth let them say how many children each of the said negro women Milly & Jude bore after the death of the said John & during the life time of the said Elizabeth Wright let them set forth & discover the names ages & sex of those negro children and the names of the person or persons who may have any of them in possession ? ____ let them also set forth & discover how the said negroes have been disposed of if any of them have been sold let them set forth by whom and at what price or prices?

That the said Tommy Wright & Joel & James Wright Executors of the said John Wright the younger Decd & Nicholas Robertson admrs of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd & the said William Wheeler & Sarah his wife and the said Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife may expressly answer and severally say whether the slaves Rachel (given to the said Sarah when the said Elizabeth Wright might think proper to deliver the same) & the slave Hannah given to the said Polly when the said Elizabeth Wright might think proper to deliver the same, did not have children born after the death of the said John Wright the elder & before the said Rachel & Hannah were respectively delivered to the said Sarah & Polly by the said Elizabeth and if so how many did each of them have what are the names of the children so born of each of the said negro women? how they were disposed of and who has them now in possession? and if they do not know who

has the possession of them now let them state who last had the possession of them or any of them within their knowledge

And finally the premises considered may it please your Honor to compel the said Tommy Wright & the said Joel Wright & James Wright as Executors of the said John Wright the younger & the said Nicholas Robertson admrs of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd to render an account of the administration of the estate of the said John Wright the elder before one of the Commissioners of this Court. That an account may also be taken of the issue of the slaves Milly & Jude born after the death of the said John Wright the elder and during the life time of the said Elizabeth and also of the issue of the slaves Rachel and Hannah born after the death of the said John Wright and before they were delivered over to the said Sarah Wheeler & Polly Hopper & of the profits & hires of the same since the death of said Elizabeth. that such of the issue of said slaves so born as aforesaid as may be had or may be delivered up and divided in just proportions among the heirs & distributees of the said John Wright the elder & that the said Tommy Wright & Joel & James Wright Executors of the said John Wright the younger & Nicholas Robertson admr of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd and their securities in the executorial bond aforesaid be compelled to account for & pay over the value of such of them as may not now be forthcoming. That the same parties be compelled to pay over to your orator & oratrix one third of the value of the perishable estate of the said John Wright the elder Decd at the time of his death with interest thereon from the time of the death of the said Elizabeth also items just proportion of whatever balance may be found and upon the settlement of the executorial account aforesaid. That the Deeds of Gift aforesaid to the said John Wright the Younger & Joel Wright may be set aside & decreed to be delivered up to be cancelled and the slaves Jude and Peter be decreed to be sold and their proceeds applied to the payment of such liabilities as shall appear against the estate of the said Elizabeth and the residue distributed among his heirs at laws. That the said Nicholas Robertson as administrator of the said Joseph Wright Decd be compelled to account for the heirs of the slaves Issue from the time the said Joseph got him into his possession to the time of the death of the said Elizabeth That an account of the value of the Horses & other property obtained by the said Anthony Wright from the said Elizabeth or either of said Executors as aforesaid which belonged to the estate of the said John the elder be taken before said Commissioners and the said Anthony be compelled to pay the value of the sum with interest thereon from the death of the said Elizabeth to your orator & oratrix & the other residuary legatees of the said John Wright the elder. That it may please your Honor to award the ____ order of publication against the said absent Defendants and grant to your orator & oratrix the Commonwealth's writ of subponina commanding &c and all such other &

further relief as the nature of this case may require and the principles of equity and good conscience dictate and as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Wingfield & Johnson Esq."

The summons in File 413 was issued on January 25, 1844:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting we command you that you Summon Tommy Wright in his own right and as executor of John Wright the elder deceased, William Wheeler and Sarah his wife, Anthony Wright, Nancy Asbury, William Corley & Betsy his wife, Joseph Harper & Polly his wife, James Wright & Joel Wright executors of John Wright the younger deceased & in their own right, Nicholas Robertson Sheriff of Bedford & as Such admr of Elizabeth Wright deceased & as admr of Rhody Hurt deceased, & as admr of Joseph Wright deceased Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Sale Executor of Thomas Logwood Deceased to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for Bedford County at rules to be held in the Clerks office thereof on the first monday in March next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in Said Court by William McGeorge and Ruth his wife late Ruth Wright.

And unless they shall answer the Said bill within two months thereafter the Court will take the same for confessed & decree accordingly. And this they Shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then there this Writ Witness Joseph Wilson Clerk of __ Said Court the 23rd day of January 1844 in the 68th year of the Commonwealth.

Jas: Wilson"

On September 25, 1844, William McGeorge filed his affidavit in File 413 that William and Sarah Wheeler, William and Betsy Corley, and Joseph and Polly Hopper then resided outside of Virginia:

"Bedford County Towit

This day William McGeorge came before me a justice of the peace for said County & made oath William Wheeler & Sarah his wife, Wm Corley & Betsy his wife Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife defendants in a chancery suit deppending in Bedford Circuit Superior Court in which the said Wm McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs and Tommy Wright & others are defendants reside out of the limits of this state as this affiant has been informed and verily believes Given under my hand this 25 day of Sept 1844

William Terry J.P."

On October 2, 1844, Anthony Wright filed his answer to the complaint in File 413:

"To the Honorable Daniel A Wilson Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Bedford

The Separate Answer of Anthony Wright both in his character as security of the Extrx & Extors & Legatees of Jno Wright to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against him and others in your Honorable Court by William McGeorge and Ruth his Wife. This Respondent Saving & reserving to himself all proper exceptions to the complainants Bill to so much thereof as he is advised it is necessary for him to answer answereth and saith that it is true that John Wright by his last Will and Testament appointed his wife Elizabeth Wright his Executrix and his sons Tommy and John Wright his Executors and that Your Respondent together with Thomas Logwood and Joel Shrewsbury were the security and it is also true that the said Executrix & Executors took upon them the burden of executing the said Will and within a few years after letters Testamentary were granted to them they paid all the debts of their Testator and all the legacies and bequests authorized by the said Will (as he has understood and beleives). It appears from the Bill and answers in the case of Wright vs Wright exhibited by the complainants with their Bill that all the debts & legacies had been paid at that time (in the year 1821) and that the Chancellor by his decree pronounced in that case on the 27th of October 1823 substantially decides that the execution of the said Will in the payment of debts and legacies had been completes because he decrees that the Executrix was entitled to the use and enjoyment of the balance of the estate of John Wright for life and decreed to her the possession of it, during her life, which he could not have done as long as any of the debts or legacies remained unpaid, as the payment of them was charged upon the very property thus decred to the Executrix for life by the last will & Testament of the said John Wright. The execution of the said will, must therefore be considered completed and the said estate settled up at the date of the said decree (if not long before that time) and more than 20 years having elapsed before the institution of this suit, and no claim having been prefered against the said Executrix & Executors by any creditor or Legatee the presumption is conclusive that they have all been paid off & settled; Indeed if any such claim should now be set up it would be barred both by the lapse of time and the Statute of Limitation of Which Your Respondent claims the benefit as fully and completely as if he were specially to plead the Statute of Limitations in __ to any recovery of him in this case. Your Responent is advised that as one of the security of the said Executrix and Executors he is only bound for their faithful execution of their Testators Will in the payment of his debts & legacies, and the delivery of the balance of his estate to his Executrix, to whom it was bequeathed for life; and if the complainants construction of said Will be true that the said Executrix only took a life estate in the whole of said bequest, and was bound at her death to account to her Testators estate for the whole

amount of the principal of the Bequest which came to her hands, and the whole of the increase of the slaves bequeathed to her for life, born after her Testators death. This would be no part of her execetorial duty and your Respondent and her other security could in no way be bound for her faithful performance of it, as their responsibility by the conditions of their Bond ceased the moment that the debts and legacies of the said John Wright were paid and the residuary of his estate was turned over to the Tenant for life, your Respondent therefore claims the protection of the statute of Limitations against the claim now set up by the complainants as effectually as if he were to plead it specially

Your Respondent is advised that by a fair & liberal construction of the last Will & Testament of the said John Wright Decd all his money on hand or owing by bonds notes or accounts and house hold & kitchen furnature were absolutely bequeathed to his wife the said Executrix, that she took a life estate in all the negroes with their increase and stock of every other kind not otherwise disposed of by said Will, and at her death the said Negroes with their increase were to go to those Legatees to whom those of them in existence at the date of the said Will were bequeathed. The whole of said Will must be taken together for the purpose of ascertaining the intention of the Testator & from an examination of it, it is manifest that it was the intention of the Testator to divide his slaves as equally as he could in kind among his children giving to each of his sons a slave and a tract of land (& giving John two slaves, an old Woman & a small Boy about five years old, the two together not being worth more than the one he gave to the other sons) and to each of the Girls a slave & some other personal property, and to the Female Plaintiff (the only single daughter at his death) a tract of land in addition. The greatest difference made by the Testator in these bequests, was in giving to some of his children immediate possession (or possession at the discretion of his Executrix) of the slaves beequeathed to them whilst others of his children were not to get possession of the slaves bequeathed to them until the death of his Executrix to whom he bequeathed a life estate in the said slaves, but the Testator no doubt thought that this would not make much difference as the Executrix was at that time an old woman and in the common course of nature would not live many years; but in this he was mistaken for she survived him nearly forty years (living to the great age of near one hundred years) which made a much greater difference in the division of the Testators slaves no doubt than he intended; for whilst some of his children the Female Plaintiff and others, had the possession and use of the slaves bequeathed to them from the death of the Testator, Your Respondent & others did not obtain the possession and use of Theirs for nearly forty years and it seems that the complainants are not even satisfied with this great disparity in their favor. As it had turned out, The Female Plaintiff was more liberally provided for by The Testator than any of his other children, she was left by the Will a valuable tract of land and the immediate use & possession of a very valuable negro girl besides a good deal of other personal property, more than their equal share of the estate had all the other children

been put in possession of their devises & bequests immediately after the Testators death. The negro Girl has raised for them a large and valuable family of negroes of which & the valuable tract of land devised to the female Plaintiff the complainants have had the use and enjoyment from a period shortly after the death of the Testator, and they are still not satisfied, but are seeking by this suit to take from those legatees who were deprived of the use and enjoyment of their slaves for near forty years after the Testators death, the increase of such slaves during that time, whilst they would kindly turn over to such Legatees the old slaves who will soon be a charge upon them, Your Respondent cannot believe that his Father ever intended to make such an unequal & unjust division of his slaves. If the Complainants construction of the said Will be correct, your Respondent is advised that they will be required by a Chancery Court to bring into hotch pot all that they have received before they can be entitled to participate in the distribution of the money bonds notes & accounts &c on hands & due to Testator at his death, and of the increase of the slaves since, and if it shall appear that they have received their full share of the whole of the Testators estate including the said money bonds, notes & accounts, and the increase of the said slaves, they will not be entitled to any more of the said estate except the one third of the stock which was on hand at the death of the Executrix. Your Respondent has understood and believes, that the Executrix left no stock of any kind at her death, and he believes that if the money, bonds & accounts which she received and the increase of the slaves in which she had a life estate between the death of the Testator & her death, now form a part of Testators estate not finally disposed of by his Will and therefore is subject to distribution according to the statute of descents, and all of the devisees & Legatees of the Testator be required to bring into hotch pot all that they have received of the Testators estate by advancement, or by devise & bequest, that it would appear that the complainants have received more than their full share of the whole of the Testators estate, including the said money, bonds notes & accounts & increase of slaves and therefore will not be entitled to recover any thing by their Bill. This Respondent believes that he would be greatly benefited as a distributee & Heir of John Wright, if the construction of his Will contended for by the complainants should prevale, because, whilst they have received by his Will (& have had the use & enjoyment of it since a short time after his death) a valuable Negro Girl a fine brood mare & colt & some cattle & valuable furniture and two hundred acres of Valuable land, which was afterwards sold (as this Respondent believes) for upwards of three thousand dollars; this Respondent only received from his Father in his life time a small tract of fifty acres of land, for which he paid $200 mostly in property a bed & ____ not a (?) little furniture not worth more than $20 which he received from his Extors; and a horse saddle & bridle & cow & calf given to him by his Father about the time of his marriage some years before his death. He was left a negro man Peter by the Will, at the death of his mother who was hired out or otherwise used by her for her support until her death, hence if the whole of his Fathers estate including the advancements for his life time & his

devises & bequests to his children should now be brought into hotchpot together with the money on hands & bonds notes & accounts due at his death received by his Executrix and the increase of the slaves in which his Executrix had a life estate and an equal division should now be made among all his Heirs & distributees, This Respondent believes that he would get as large if not larger share of the undivided property than any of them, but he does not believe that it was the intention of his Father to make such a disposition of his estate & therefore he does not claim it. This Respondent would further represent that some short time after the death of his Father he purchased of his Executors & Executrix a hipshod mare which belonged to his estate for which he paid them fifty dollars and he afterwards swaped a valuable young horse with John Wright for a colt which his mother gave him, the said John giving a boot of sixty dollars and this is all the property which he ever purchased or in any way acquired which belonged to the estate of his Father; for which he gave its full value. The Executors & Executrix, were authorized to dispose of such property to raise money to pay the debts & legacies & the expences of administration & the Executrix had a right to dispose of it for her own use, and is expressly required to account only for such stock as may be on hand at her death, so that this Respondent cannot now be required to pay again for property for which he paid its full value between 30 & 40 years ago, this he is neither legally nor morally bound to do and for his more ample protection he pleads the statute of limitations against this unjust claim of the Complainants.

This Respondent further answering would represent that the said executrix on the 19th day of January 1825 executed a deed of Trust to Thomas Davis by which she conveyed to him in trust to secure and save harmless this Respondent and his co-security four negro slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben for whom she had obtained an absolute right by the compromise of the suit aforesaid of Wright vs Wright with her son John, who, with Joel Wright had sold to her the said slaves. The said deed of Trust was admitted to record in the clerks office of Bedford County on the 24th of January 1825, which is herewith exhibited marked A & prayed to be read as a part of this answer The said Executrix afterwards gave the said slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben to the said John and Joel Wright, with a full knowledge on their part of the deed of Trust aforesaid who some time afterwards executed to this Respondent & his cosecurity the indemnifying bonds marked B & C which are herewith exhibited & prayed to be read as a part of this answer from which it will appear that the said John & Joel Wright have covenanted to indimnify & save harmless this Respondent & his co-securities as the Security of the said Executrix & Executors of John Wright Decd and pay all claims which may come against them as security as aforesaid & this Respondent now refurs to them for the purpose of enabling your honor to decree against the said John & Joel Wright for any amount which he and the other security may be decreed to pay in this suit as the security of the said Executrix & Executors, which contingency he does not believe will happen, but he relies upon the

aforesaid indemnities & claims the benefit of them, if contrary to his expectations it should happen. Having answered all that he is advised it is material for him to answer Your Respondent prays that he may be hence dismissed with his costs in this behalf expended & he will ever pray &c

Anderson pg(?)

Bedford County to Wit

This day Anthony Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that the matters & things contained in the foregoing answer so far as they are stated on his own Knowledge are true and so far as they are stated on the information of others he believes them to be true

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1844

Saml. P. Pitchell J.P.

Filed by leave of Court Octr 2d 1844."

On November 25, 1844, James Wright and Joel Wright filed their answer to the complaint in File 413:

"The separate answer of James Wright and Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junior deceased, to a bill of complaint exhibited against them & others in the honorable the circuit superior court of law & chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife.

These defendants saving and reserving to themselves the usual privilege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in the said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as they are advised, it in any way concerns them to answer, they answer & say. That it is true the said John Wright Senr. departed this life in the year 1803, having first made and published his last will and testament in writing, which was duly proved and recorded in the county court of Bedford, and that the said Elizabeth Wright the widow of said decedent, and Tommy Wright & the testator of these defendants qualified as the executrix and executors of the said John Wright senior at the time stated in the said bill - & the copy of the said last will and testament filed by the said complainants with their said bill is probably a true copy. They admit that the devises and bequests set out in the said Will are as they believe in accordance with the said will. They further admit that their testator on his part executed the executorial bond in such penalty, at such time, & to the purport mentioned in the said bill. But these defendants do not admit that the construction of the said will assumed by the said complainants is just and legal, on the contrary they insist, and are advised,

that the construction contended for by the said complainants is plainly contrary as well to common justice, as to the laws and adjudications having force & authority in this commonwealth. They are advised that in the construction of wills, it is a rule, that they should be most favourably expounded, to produce, if possible, the will of the testator, and that all the words of the will must be considered together to find out the testator's intention, and that intention must take place, unless contrary to the rules of law. Now it is most obvious from a careful consideration of all the provisions of said will, that the testator had two objects mainly in view - first, to make a suitable and comfortable provision for his wife the said Elizabeth Wright during her life - and 2nd. to dispose of his whole personal estate among his children, so as to make them all as nearly equal as he conveniently could, in view of the provision made for his wife, & the circumstances of his estate at the time of the publication of his will. It appears from the will that the testator owned only eleven slaves, & that he had ten children, it was therefore impracticable to give each of his children the immediate possession of one slave, and at the same time make a suitable provision for his wife. he therefore doubtless adopted the only plan of dividing his personal estate by his will, so as to produce something approaching equality among his children - hence he bequeaths to each of his children one slave, except his son John (these defendants' testator) to whom he bequeathed two - a woman of middle age & a small boy, as these defendants have heard and believe. To his three youngest children as was natural he gave each a tract of land and having probably advanced his elder children before he made his will. That the said will makes no mention of the issue of the slaves is wholly immaterial, because the testator was disposing of his whole estate, mainly by specific devises & bequests, to take effect immediately at his death. and as the said will does not allege that there was any slave born between the publication of the will and the death of the testator it is to be presumed there was no such birth - and the issue of the female slaves born after the death of the testator passed to the legatees entitled to the mothers of such issue under the provisions of the said will. These defendants are advised that if the plain intention of the testator is to be the rule of construction of his will. the following legatees, to wit, Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsey, Polly, John, & Joseph, took a vested interest in remainder, at the death of the said testator, to the slaves bequeathed to them respectively. a life estate in the same slaves being first carved out & bequeathed to the testator's wife - That this is the just construction of the said will they are advised is made most manifest by considering the language of the bequests to the said legatees in connexion with the language of the bequest to the testator's wife - the language of the bequests to most of the said legatees may be stated in the following form "I give to" (the legatee) "my negro slave named ____ to be his (or her) own property at my wife's death". After disposing of all his slaves by name to his children he makes a bequest to his wife in the following words. "Lastly I do will to my well beloved wife all my money on hand or owing to me by notes, bonds, or accounts -together with all my stock of every kind, house hold & kichen furniture,

with all my negros that is grown &c. her life time - then to be divided as above. Whatever stock should be on hand at my wife's death, I do will shall be equally divided between John, Joseph, & Ruth being my three younger children." the words "then to be divided as above" refer clearly to the bequests made to his children Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsy, Polly, John, & Joseph & when the terms of these bequests are considered thus corrected, the English language may be appealed to in vain for stronger words to express an intention on the part of the testator, to make an absolute and final disposition of his entire property and estate in the slaves comprehended in the said bequests - the right of each of the last mentioned legatees was as perfect to the slave or slaves bequeathed to him or her respectively at the death of the said testator, as it was at the death of his wife - the right of possession merely was deferred - the right of property was otherwise complete. They therefore deny that the increase of the slaves Rachel, Jude, Hannah & Milly belonged to and was any part of the estate of the said testator until the several specific legatees of the said slaves would under the provisions of the said will be entitled to the possession of the same.

These defendants are advised, and they contend that by the said will "all the said testators money on hand, or owing to him at the time of his death, and all his household and kitchen furniture" was bequeathed to his wife absolutely & unconditionally (subject of course to the payment of debts & legacies) - and that as to the testator's "stock of every kind" the intention of the testator was that his wife should have an unlimited use during her life, without being accountable to the residuary legatees for any portion of it if she had used the whole, as in fact she did. The indefinite terms of the bequest "whatever stock should be on hand at my wife's death" show that the testator was providing for a mere contingency, a naked possibility and utterly negatives the idea that the said Elizabeth was bound to keep up the stocks of hogs - cattle - sheep - brood mares, &c." These defendants do not admit that either the said Elizabeth, or the said John and Tommy Wright, or either or any of them sold & disposed of any property whatever, belonging to the estate of the said John Wright Senr. decd. (Whether devised or bequeathed to the said widow for life or not) without necessity for so doing and so they deny the accountability of the said Elizabeth Wright's estate, or the said John Wright Junrs estate, or the said Tommy Wright to the legatees of John Wright the Elder, or any of them for the value of the same.

These defendants have heard and believe that a suit in chancery was at one time pending in the Superior Court of chancery at Lynchburg, instituted by the said Elizabeth Wright against the said John & Tommy Wright & the bill, answers, decrees, orders &c referred to in said bill, may have been exhibited, filed, & made, as there stated and it may be true, and they believe it to be true, that before the final disposition of said suit, all matters in difference between the parties were settled by compromise, the terms of which are perhaps correctly stated in the said will - but these defendants do not admit that the said suit, or

any thing therein decided, has any thing to do with this case, except to show (as may be seen by reference to the bill & answers) that at the commencement of that suit (& probably long before) all the debts against the estate of John Wright the Elder had been paid and his estate distributed according to the provisions of his will.

It is true, they believe, that the executrix & executors never did make any formal settlement of their executorial accounts, and under the circumstances, they are advised that no such settlement was necessary: the debts being all paid and the estate wholly distributed according to the directions of the will, there was nothing to settle and these defendants are advised that their testator as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder had nothing to do with said estate after the distribution thereof. his duties and liabilities as executor, as well as the duties & liabilities of the other executor & the said executrix then ceased the widow of the said John Wright the elder held all the property in her possession not as the executrix of her deceased husband, but as a legatee under his will & even if the strange construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants should prevail they have no claims upon these defendants' testator, or the said Tommy Wright, or the said Elizabeth Wright as executors and executrix of the said John Wright the Elder decd. and as a prior effectual protection of the estate of their testator against the groundless claims of the said complainant attempted to be set up in their said bill, these defendants rely upon the great lapse of time and especially when the act of the General assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, & their sureties, & for other purposes." passed the 8th of March 1820: and they pray to be allowed the benefit of said act to protect his estate against the claim or claims of the said complainants founded upon any actual or supposed liability or liabilities of their Testator either as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd. or as one of the sureties of the other executor or the said Executrix, as fully and to all intents & purposes as if the said act had been by them formally pleaded, in bar of the relief sought by the said complainants in their said bill.

These defendants further answering say that it is true, that on the 7th of december 1834 the said Elizabeth Wright by deed, founded upon both good and valuable consideration conveyed to their intestate all her interest in two slaves named Peter & Ben, she having a perfect right so to do as these defendants are advised but these defendants deny that at the time she made the said deed, her mind "had become so greatly impaired & enfeebled as to render her incapable of making contracts or doing business" - on the contrary they assert that although her mental faculties may have been impaired by reason of her advanced age, yet she was fully capable of making the said deed at the time the same was made and they furthermore deny that the said slaves are now, or ever were liable to the said complainants for any claim or demand which they have now, or ever had

against the said Elizabeth Wright either as executrix of her deceased husband, or individually, because (among other reasons) they do not admit or believe that the said complainants have now or ever had any such claim or demand against the said Elizabeth in any character.

These defendants as a further protection of their intestates estate against the claim or claims of the said complainants, here rely upon the act of the assembly entitled "An act for limitation of actions: for preventing frivolous & vexatious suit: concerning _____, & certain proceedings in civil cases" & pray to be allowed the benefit of said act as fully as if they had formally pleaded the same in bar of any and all the relief sought in the complainants' said bill.

These defendants further answering say - that the slave Milly is dead "leaving five children born after the death of John Wright the Elder & before the death of his wife - to wit - Jesse, (sold by their testator in his life time to Isaac James of this county & now in his possession) Ben, Frank, Andrew and John in the possession of these defendants as execution of the said John Wright Junr decd. The slave Judith (or Jude) had ten children between the death of the said John Wright the Elder & the death of his wife - to wit, Lucy, Mary (who is dead) George, Martha, Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, Nancy, & Edward - Lucy has had three children.

to wit, Winney, Jerry, & Green - Martha has had children only two or three of whom are now living, & the names of whom are unknown to these defendants - Judith, Lucy & her children, together with Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, Nancy, & Edward, are in the possession of the defendant Joel Wright. George is in the possession of Anthony Wright of this county & Martha & her children are in the possession of Henry H. Chapman of Roanoke. The slave Rachel was delivered when she was a girl & without children to William Wheeler the husband of Sarah Wheeler formerly Sarah Wright, to whom she was bequeathed by the said will, and the slave Hannah was delivered whilst a girl & without children to Joseph Hopper the husband of Polly the daughter of the said testator to whom she was bequeathed and having fully answered they pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs and as in duty bound they will pray &c

James Wright
Joel Wright

Bedford County to wit:

This day James Wright and Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junr. decd came personally before the subscriber a magistrate in and for said county and made oath that the allegations of the foregoing answers purporting to be upon their own knowledge is true and such as are made upon information derived from

other persons they believe them to be true. Given under my hand the 25th day of November 1844.

Jno Clayton J.P."

Joel Wright filed his separate answer as an individual on November 25, 1844, in File 413:

"The separate answer of Joel Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the circuit superior court of Law and Chancery for the county of Bedford by William Mc:George and Ruth his wife.

This defendant saving and reserving to himself the usual privilege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in the said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it concerns him to answer he says - That he admits that the said John Wright the Elder died in the year 1803, having first made and published his last will & testament in writing which was duly proved and recorded in the county court of Bedford - that his widow Elizabeth Wright qualified as executrix, & his sons Tommy Wright & John Wright Junr: qualified as executors of the said decedent at the time stated in the said bill, & that the copies of the said last will & testament, and of the executorial bond of said Executrix & executors filed with the said bill are perhaps true copies of the same. But he does not admit that the construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants is the true construction thereof. He is advised that the testators widow, the said Elizabeth, under the said will took a life estate in the slaves bequeathed to her, with remainder in absolute property to the legatees to whom the same slaves were by the said will severally bequeathed - in other words the said testator's children Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsy, Polly, John, & Joseph took a present estate at the death of the said testator in absolute property, to the slave or slaves bequeathed to them respectively subject to the life estate of the said Elizabeth in the same slaves. The fact that the said testator directed in his will that his daughter Sarah should receive the slave Rachel, & that his daughter Polly should receive the slave Hannah whenever his wife (the said Elizabeth) thought proper did not diminish her interest in those slaves to less than an estate for her life. She might whenever "she thought proper" have relinquished her interest in the other slaves bequeathed to her for life to the persons entitled thereto in remainder, and the right of the persons so entitled in remainder, to receive the said slaves as their "own property", would have been as perfect by such relinquishment, as by the death of the said Elizabeth. This defendant therefore denies that the increase of the slaves Rachel, Jude, Hannah, & Milly belonged to, and were any part of the estate of the said testator, until the several specific legatees of the said slaves, would under the provisions of the said will be entitled to the possession of the same.

This defendant further answering says that as respects the other bequests to the said Elizabeth, they are advised that by a fair construction of said will, she, after the payment of debts and legacies, took under the said will, an absolute estate in the money, debts, furniture & stock bequeathed to her - the legacy of the stock alone being subject to a remote and improbable contingency provided for in said will that is to say "whatever stock should be on hand at his wife's death should be equally divided between John, Joseph, and Ruth" &c.

This defendant further answering says that it is true the said Elizabeth Wright, on the 14th day of december 1834, by deed of that date did convey to this defendant the slaves Jude (Judah) & her five children, Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, & Nancy - which deed was founded upon both a good & valuable consideration but he denies that at the time she made the said deed her mind had become so greatly impaired and enfeebled as to render her incapable of making contracts or doing business - he charges that at the time she made the said deed, she was fully capable of making contracts and doing business, nothwithstanding her mind may have been impaired by her advanced age.

This defendant further answering says that even if the construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants should prevail, they submit it to the consideration of this honorable court, if the right of action of the said complainants, if any such they have, or ever had, (which is here denied) did not accrue to them at the moment the said Elizabeth ceased to hold the said slaves and other property bequeathed to her under the said will - he insists therefore, in this view of the subject, that his right to the slaves in his possession, claimed by the said complainants in their said bill is protected by the act of limitations, upon which he relies, & prays to have the benefit thereof as fully as if he had formally pleaded the same in bar of the complinants said claim.

In relation to the other matters and things contained in said bill which it is necessary this defendant should answer unto he refers to the joint answer of himself and his co-defendant James Wright executors of John Wright Junr decd: to the same bill - and he here adopts the statements of the said answer as his own individual answer to all such statements & interrogatories of the said bill necessary for this defendant to answer & as are not here particularly responded to, and so having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs and as in duty bound he will pray &c

Joel Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

This day Joel Wright came before the subscriber & made oath that the foregoing answer is true to the best of his recollection & belief. Given under my hand this 25 day of November 1844.

Jno. Clayton J.P."

Nicholas Robertson, as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Wright, also filed his separate answer in File 413:

"The separate answers of Nicholas Robertson admr. of Elizabeth Wright decd. to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the honourable the circuit superior court of law and chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife

This defendant saving & reserving to himself the usual privelege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it in any way concerns him to answer he says - That he knows nothing of his own knowledge of the several matters & things contained in the complainants said bill relating to the transactions of his intestate as the executrix of the said John Wright decd - or relating to the transactions of the other executors of the said John Wright decd. He is advised and believes that the construction of the will of the said John Wright the elder decd contended for by the answer of James Wright & Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junr. decd. in their answer to the said bill is the just, proper, & correct construction of the said will and he avers that it ought to be so construed. he therefore adopts the said answer so far as it relates to the construction of the said will, & he denies that the opposite construction of the said will contented for by the said complainants in their said bill is correct - & he requires proof of all and every allegation in the said bill tending to fix any manner of liability upon the estate of his intestate.

The said defendant further answering says that in bar of the claims asserted by the said complainants in their said bill against his intestate individually or as executrix of the said John Wright the Elder decd. he relies as well upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions for preventing frivolous and vexatios suits concerning ____ & certain proceedings in civil cases" as upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of action against persons acting in a fiduciary character and their sureties, & for other purposes" passed the 8th day of March 1826: and prays that the full benefit of the said acts of the assembly may be extended to him as the administrator of the said Elizabeth in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were here more formally pleaded - for this defendant has heard and believes that the affairs of the estate

of the said John Wright the Elder were all settled up & the property distributed according to his will more than ten years before the exhibition of said will to wit, before the year 1820 and that since the year 1820 & probably several years before, his intestate, as he believes & charges, has held no part of the estate of the said John Wright the Elder as his executrix, but on the contrary, she has held all the slaves & other estate & the increase thereof mentioned in the said will as a legatee under the will of the said John Wright the Elder deceased - and therefore her liability at the time of her death (if any liability there was (which he does not admit) was as tenant for life of such property and not as executrix. and having fully answered he prays to his hence dismissed with his costs & as in duty bound he will pray &c.

H. Robertson

Bedford County to Wit: This day Nicholas Robertson made oath before the subscriber that so much of the foregoing bill as is charged as being within his own knowledge is true & so much thereof as is charged upon information derived from others and he believes to be true Given under the hand & seal of the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said county this 24 day March"

On February, 20, 1845, six depositions were taken in the case. The first was of Thomas Lancaster:

"The deposition of Thomas LandCaster of lawful age taken pursuant to Notice at the Store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co. in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia on the 20th day of February 1845 to be read as evidence on the trial of suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of law & chancery for the county of Bedford Wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are pltffs. And Tommy Wright James Wright & Joel Wright as well in their own right as Exors. of John Wright decd. and Anthony Wright & others are Deffts.

Deposeth and saith

Question by the Defd. Joel Wright

You are now shewn the papers purporting to be deeds from my late grand mother Elizabeth Wright the one to me marked A. and the other to John Wright marked B. to which your name is affixed as a subscribing witness please examine them and say whether your name signed to said papers is in your hand wrighing or not. Whether the said Elizabeth Wright executed and delivered the said deed in your presence, or in your presence acknowledged them to be her acts & deeds, and whether you attested the same by signing your name thereunto as a subscribing witness.

Answer - My signiture to both said deeds is genuine and said Elizabeth Wright executed and Acknowledged the same to be her acts and deeds in my presence.

Question by same

Please also state whether at the time said Elizabeth Wright executed & delivered said deeds in your presence, she was of sound mind and memory or not?

Answer. I considered said Elizabeth Wright at the time she executed the aforesaid deeds to be of sound mind & memory

Question by same

Were you well acquainted with the said Elizabeth Wright?

Answer I lived near her and was well acquainted with her for some twenty or thirty years

Question by same

Was the said Elizabeth Wright during your acquaintance with her at all times of sound mind and capable of making contracts?

Answer so far as I ever knew she was

further this deponent saith not

Thomas Lancaster

The foregoing deposition was taken subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of James Leftwich:

"The deposition of Rev. James Leftwich, of Lawful age - taking at the Store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co in The County of Bedford and State of Virginia this 20 day of February 1845 pursuant to notice to be read as evidence on the trial of a Suit now depending in the Circuit Superiour Court of Chancery for the County of Bedford wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his Wife are planitiffs and Tommy Wright, James Wright & Joel Wright as Well in Their Own Right as Executors of John Wright decd and Anthony Wright & others - and defendants deposeth and Saith

Question by the deft. Joel Wright

Were you well acquainted with my grand Mother Elizabeth Wright during the years 1834 & 1835 and if so state whether during those years she was of sound mind and Memory & Capable of Making Contracts?

Answer - I have been acquainted with Mrs. Wright some 12 or 15 years and repeatedly saw and coversed with her during that time, and whenever I saw her I regarded her as being perfectly sane and capable of making a rational disposition of her property

and further this deponant sayth not

James Leftwich

The above deposition was taken subscribed & sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of Abraham Witson:

"Deposition of the Revd Mr. Abraham Witson of Lawfull age taken at the store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co in the county of Bedford & State of Virginia this 20th day of February 1845 pursuant to notice, to be read as evidence on the trial of a suit now depending in the circuit Superior Court of Chancery for Bedford County, wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs & Tommy Wright, James Wright & Joel Wright as well in their own rights as Executors of John Wright Decd and Anthony Wright & others are defendants deposeth & saith

Question by the Deft. Joel Wright

When did you become acquainted with my grand Mother Elizabeth Wright and please say whether during your acquaintance she was of sound mind & memory and Capable of Making Contracts

Answer - I became acquainted with Mrs. Wright in the year 1835 and had frequent interviews with her untill near her death, and till near the close of her life I considered her perfectly sane and capable of making any disposition of her property Further this deponent saith not

Abraham Whitson

The above deposition was taken subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of John and Frances R. Claytor:

"The deposition of John Claytor & Frances R. Claytor of lawful age taken at the store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co in the County of Bedford and state of Virginia this 20th day of February 1845 pursuant to notice duly served to be read as evidence on the trial of a sute now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Chancery for the county of Bedford Wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are Plaintiffs and Tommy Wright James Wright & Joel Wright as well in their own right as Executors of John Wright decd. and Anthony Wright & others are Defendants

The witness John Claytor Deposeth & Saith

Question by the Deft. Joel Wright

Please state when you first became acquainted with my grand Mother Elizabeth Wright, and what was the state of her mind at that time?

Answer - I became acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Wright in the year 1834 and Considered her of sound mind

Further this deponent saithnot

Jno. Clayton

The Witness Mrs. Francis R. Claytor Deposeth and saith

Question by the Defts. Joel Wright

Que Please state when you first became acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Wright my Grand Mother, and say whether you considered her of sound mind and memory at that time?

Answer. I became acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Wright some eight or nine years ago, and discovered nothing that would lead me to suspect the unsoundness of her Mind or Memory indeed never untill near her death which took place in 1843 did I discover any giving way of her mind or memory

Frances R Clayton

The foregoing deposions were taken subscribed and swornto before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of Henry Loyd:

"The Deposition of Henry Loyd of lawfull age taken at the Store House of Stephen C. Hurt & Co. in the county of Bedford & State of virginia this 20th day of Feby 1845 pursuant to notice, to be read as evidence on the trial of a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior court of Bedford County, wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs & Tommy Wright, James Wright & Joel Wright as well in their own rights as Executors of John Wright Decd & anthony Wright and others are defendants deposeth & saith.

Question by the Deft. Joel Wright

Were you acquainted with my grand Mother Elizabeth Wright during the years 1834 and 1835 And if so please state whether you considered her during those years of sound mind & memory and capable of Making Contracts?

Answer - I was at work there a good deal during those years and should suppose she was

Further this deponent saith not

Henry Loyd

The above deposition was taken subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of William Mead:

The Deposition of William Mead of lawfull age taken at the Store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co. in the County of Bedford & State of virginia this 20th day of Feby 1845 pursuant to notice; to be read as evidence on the trial of a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Chancery for Bedford County Wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs and Tommy Wright, James Wright, & Joel Wright, as well in their own right as Executors of John Wright Decd and Anthony Wright & others are defendanants deposeth & saith

Ques by Joel Wright. Howlong have you been acquainted with my Grandmother Elizabeth Wright & please state whether during your acquaintance with her she was of sound mind & memory & capable of making contracts.

Answer I have been acquainted with Mrs. Wright some 12 or 13 years and always considered her mind and memory good untill near the close of her life

The pltiff William McGeorge being present asked no Questions And further this deponent saith not

William Mead

The above deposition was taken subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845.

Matthew Pate J.P."

The next deposition in File 413 was of Benjamin Bowles.

"The deposition of Benjamin Bowles of lawful age taken at the store house of Stephen C. Hurt & Co. in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia this 20th day of February 1845 pursuant to notice duly served to be read as evidence on the trial of a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of law & Chancery for the County of Bedford Wherein William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are pltfs And Tommy Wright James Wright & Joel Wright Exors. of John Wright decd. And also in their own right and Anthony Wright & others are Defts.

Deposeth & saith

Question by Deft. Joel Wright

Question by the Deft. Joel Wright - You are now shewn two papers purporting to be deeds from my late grand Mother Elizabeth Wright, the one Marked A. and the other to John Wright marked B. to which your name is affixed as a subscribing witness please examine them and say whether your name signed to said papers is in your hand wrighting or not, Whether the said Elizabeth Wright executed & delivered the said deeds in your presence; or in your presence acknowledged them to be her Acts & deeds and whether you attested the same by signing your name there unto as a Subscribing witness

Answer - My signature to both deeds is genuine & said Elizabeth Wright executed and acknowledged the same to be her acts & deeds in my presence

Quistion by same

Please also state whether at the time said Elizabeth Wright executed and delivered said deeds in your presence she was of sound mind and memory and capable of making Contracts or not

Answer - I live within one and half mile of her knew her well and thought she was

Further this deponent saith not

Benjamin Bowles

The foregoing deposition was taken subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1845

William Mead J.P."

On October 9, 1845, Joel Shrewsbury filed his separate answer to the complaint in File 413:

"The separate answer of Joel Shrewsbury to the bill of complaint exhibited against him, and others in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Bedford by William McGeorge, and Ruth his wife.

This defendant saving &c for answer says: That he admits the probate of the will of John Wright deceased in the bill mentioned, and that he became one of the securities of Elizabeth Wright, Tommy Wright, and John Wright in the bond executed by them as executrix, and executors of the said Will and he presumes the alleged copy of the said bond filed with said bill is a correct copy.

This defendant further answering states, that he wrote the said will, and from the declarations of said testator made at the time said will was being written knows that it was the intention of the said testator that his legatees to whom slaves were in said will specifically bequeathed, subject to his widow's life estate therein, or to be delivered whenever she thought proper, should be entitled respectively to the issue of such slaves born after his death. This defendant conceives that such is the just, and correct construction of said will as it is written, avers that it ought it to be so construed, and denies that the opposite construction, contended for in the bill, is proper, or correct. He has no personal knowledge of the transactions stated in the bill as having occurred after the probate of said will, and the qualification of said executrix, and executors, and therefore does not admit any, or either of the allegations of said bill alleging said transactions, or any, or either of them to be true, and so far as he is to be affected thereby requires proof of all said allegations. He denies that he is either legally, or equitable liable to pay the plaintiffs any sum, or sums of money whatever in consequence of his securityship aforesaid for the said executrix, and

executors. In bar of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs in their said bill this defendant relies upon the great lapse of time which has occurred and especially upon the act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth entitled "an act for for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, and their sureties, and for other purposes" passed the 8th day of March 1826, and prays that the full benefit thereof may be extended to him in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said act was more formally pleaded by him.

Having thus fully answered this defendant prays to the to be hence dismissed with the Costs &c

Joel Shresbury

Kanawha County to wit

The above: named Joel Shrewsbury this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that the statements made in the foregoing answer are true.

Given under my Hand this ninth day of October 1845.

W. W. Putney(?)"

On March 6, 1846, the deposition of William Holladay was taken in File 413:

"The Deposition of William Hollady of Lawfull age taken at the store house of William Gish on the 6th day of March 1846 agreeable to notice to be read on the Trial of a suit depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Bedford County Wherein William McGeorge & Ruth McGeorge are plaintiffs & Thommy Wright Joel & James Wright Exors are Defts. having been first sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty god deposeth & saith

Question by William McGeorge. Please state as nearly as you can now long you have resided in the neighbourhood & been acquainted with John Wright & the elder other Executors of John Wright the elder Decd

A I have been born & raised a close neighbour to old Mr. John Wright & was acquainted with him from my infancy untill his death.

Quest by same Please State if you know how many horses you have known John Wright the younger & his mother the widow of John Wright Decd to sell belonging to the estate of John Wright the elder decd?

Ans. There was one cal'd prince sold for sixty dollars if I recollect right. there was one cal'd Buck that was sold for something near one hundred dollars, There was one cald Jinny sold to Anthony Wright for fifty or sixty I am note sure which. There was a sorrel Philla sold to Jacob Moorman for sixty dollars but whether she was raised by the old man I do not know & there was a white mare sold to Bennet Perdue for thirty dollars as I was inform'd by John Wright the younger. These was another small pacing mare cal'd the old ladys riding mare which was taken away by Joseph Wright but whether she was sold or Given I do not know.

Quest by same Was not the negroes that was left to the widow for her support fully sufficient for that purpose without using or selling any other property for that purpose?

Ans I think there was aplenty without using or selling the property for that purpose.

Question by Joel Wright. Was you present at the sale of those horses you have spoken of?

Ans. I was not

Quest by same How long do you suppose it has been since the Sale of the horses spoken of?

Ans I think it has been upwards of thirty years since the sale of all but the little mare spoken of

Quest by same was not the litle mare spoken of purchased by the old Lady after the death of the old gentleman.

Ans. The old Lady bought her after the old mans death.

Quest by William McGeorge Did John Wright not tell you he Sold the horses above spoken of himself?

Ans. He informed me he had sold the horses & appeared pleased at the sale of prince

Question by Joel Wright Do you know how many horses beasts belonging to John Wright the Elder at his death if there was any more than you have spoken of please state.

Ans. There might have been some cattl but if there was I do not recollect

Question by William McGeorge. Can you state how long since old Mrs. Wright the widow of John Wright the Elder departed this life if so please state?

Ans. I believe it has been two years last August.

Question by Joel Wright. Will you please state how old the little sorrel mare spoken of was at the time she was parted with

Ans. I know nothing certain of her age, but from the information of others I suppose she must have been 17 or 18 years old & further this deponant saith not.

William his X mark Hollady

The foregoing deposition was taken Subscribed and sworn to at the time & place mentioned in the caption agreably to notice Given under my hand this 6th day of March 1846

Matthew Pate J.P."

On March 30, 1846, the deposition of Elizabeth Maddra was taken in File 413:

"The Deposition of Elizabeth Maddra of Lawful age taken agreable to notice at the house of the said Elizabeth Maddra in the County of Roanoke, Va, on the 30 day of March 1846 to be read as Evidence in a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Bedford County in which William McGeorge and Ruth McGeorge are Plaintiffs and Tommy Wright James Wright and Joel Wright Executors of John Wright Dct. are Defendants - this Deponant first made Affirmation Deposeth and saith as followeth to wit,

Question by the Plft, - do you not recollect whither John Wright the younger, ever sold any horses belonging to his fathers Estate after the Death of his Father if you do please to state

Answer I know that John Wright Jr Sold one horse after the Death of his Father that belonged to the Estate for one hundred Dollars

Question by same - do you recollect of John Wright selling a number of Milch Cows & Beff Cattle

Answer I recollect of him Selling of Some - but do not recollect how many

Question by same - did not the Mother of John Wright object to him of Selling any of the Stock belonging to the Estate

answer - She did object to his selling the Stock - and John Wright said that he would sell the stock and buy others and then they would be his own

Question by Same

Do you know that a short time after the death of John Wright the elder, that Joseph Wright run off a Negroe boy by the name of Isaac if so please to state all you know about it

Answer - John Wright the nephew of Joseph Wright came to the house of widow Wright the Mother of John Wright Jun and Said that he would go after Joseph Wright and bing him back and the old Lady said he should not = that she would not put one of her Children in the pennetentiary

Question by Defendants

Do you kno of your own knowledge that Joseph Wright run off the Negroe boy Isaac (above spoken of)

Answer - I do not = All I kno about it was hear say

Question by same

How long has it been since the above transactions took place

Answer - as well as I recollect it is about thirty three years

No further questions being acked this Deponant saith not

Elizabeth her X mark Maddra

Roanoke County to wit

The forgoing Deposition was taken on the day & at the place mentioned in the caption - affirmed and subscribed to before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid - Given under my hand this 30 day of March 1846

Wm ____ J.P."

On April 1, 1846, the deposition of Thomas Davis was taken in File 413:

"The Deposition of Thomas Davis of lawful age taken at the office of Wingfield & Campbell in the Town of Liberty & County of Bedford on the first day of April 1846 to be read as evidence in the trial of a suit in Chancery depending in the Circuit Superior Court of law & chancery for Bedford County in which William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs and Tommy Wright & Joel Wright & James Wright Executors of John Wright Decd & others are Defendants. The said Deponant being first duly sworn deposeth & saith as followeth

Question by the plaintiff. Please state whether you know any thing about a suit having been instituted in the late Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District by Elizabeth Wright the widow of John Wright the elder in her life time against Tommy Wright & John Wright two of the Executors of the said John Wright Sr. deceased and of the same having been compromised, and if so state all you know about the said compromise and the property which the said John Wright held under it and the terms upon which he held it.

Answer I know there was such a suit between the parties named in the Question - I know that the said suit was compromised - and that John Wright was by its terms to convey to Elizabeth Wright certain slaves absolutely, and to account to the legatees for the perishable property, but I know nothing of the description, quantity or value of the perishable property

Ques by Joel Wright one of the defendants. Do you recollect whether you were present some years ago when a pair of the slaves in controvery were sold at public auction by John Wright If so, state when the sale took place: whether the plaintiff William McGeorge was present: and whether he at that time set up any claim to said slaves or any of them, or made any objection to the sale

Ans - I was present at the sale alluded to. And the plaintiff William McGeorge was also at the sale. I heard no claim set up to the slaves or any part of them, or any objection made to sale, by any person. Elizabeth Wright was also present & set up no claim further than a life estate.

Ques by Same. Were you acquainted with Elizabeth Wright for the fifteen or sixteen years next before her death; if so, say whether you considered her of sound about the year 1834?

Ans. I was acquainted with her before the compromise & up to some 8 or 9 years before the time of her death. - I considered her mind as good as any other person of her age. I did not perceive any difference between her mind, between from the first time I ever saw her to the last. The compromise was made many

years ago. The deeds of gift were made during the time of my acquaintance with her.

Ques. by plaintiff. State whether the property to which Elizabeth Wright was entitled under the will of her husband, was or not ample for her support and maintainance?

Ans - I suppose it was.

Thomas Davis

Bedford County to wit

Subscribed & sworn to before me a justice of the peace for said County at the time & place mentioned in the caption

Given under my hand this first day of April 1846

Fredk. Aunspaugh J.Peace"

On August 29, 1846, the deposition of Henry H. Chapman was taken in File 413:

"Wrights admrs & al)
Wm McGeorge & wife)

The Deposition of Henry H. Chapman & others taken on Saturday the 29th day of August 1846 at the Clerk's office of Roanoke County in the Town of Salem Va., before me, a Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Roanoke County to take deposition - which depositions of Chapman & others are to be offered in evidence in a suit depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Bedford in which William McGeorge & wife are Plaintiffs and the administrators of John Wright & others are Defendants.

The said Henry H. Chapman a witness of lawful age being sworn - Question by Defendant Joel Wright

Please state whether or not you know of a sale having been made by John Wright the younger, of a negro woman named Milly devised by John Wright the elder to the said John Wright jr? If so, will you say whether you were present at that sale?

Answer. I know that such a sale was made by John Wright jr. I was present at it, and was the Clerk at the Sale.

Question by Same. Will you please state whether or not the Plaintiff, Wm McGeorge was present at the said sale? If so, say whether you heard him set up any claim in any shape, to the said negro woman Milly & her children?

Answer. He was present, and I heard of no claim set up by the said McGeorge to the woman & her children

Question by Same. Was the sale above referred to a public sale or a private one, and was there any advertisement of it?

Answer. The sale was advertised, and was a public one to the highest bidder.

Question by Same. At what time did the sale take place?

Answer. It took place on the 8th day of January 1825.

Question by Plaintiff Wm McGeorge. Please state whether or not the widow of John Wright Senr was then alive and whether or not the negroes sold at that sale were not devised to her for life?

Answer. The Widow was then alive, and claimed a life Estate in the negroes. It was only his reversionary intrest in them that John Wright was then selling.

Henry H. Chapman

The foregoing Deposition of Henry H. Chapman was taken, subscribed & sworn to on the day & at the place mentioned in the Caption

F. Johnston Commissioner to take Depositions
in Roanoke Circuit Superior Court

Commissioner fee 37-1/2 cents paid me by Joel Wright"

On March 8, 1847, Tommey Wright filed his answer to the complaint in File 413:

"The separate answer of Thommy Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the circuit superior court of law and chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife.

This defendant for answer unto said bill of unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it concerns him to answer he says. It is true he qualified as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd: but he never acted as such, & never had any portion of said decedent's estate real or personal in his possession as executor. This defendant believes and charges that the other executor & executrix in said Will named administered the said estate and paid

out and delivered over the same according to the true intent and meaning of the said decedents last will and testament, arose than twenty years before the institution of this suit by the said complaints. This defendant further answering says that in bar of the claims asserted by the said compainants in their said bill against this defendant either as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd: or as one of the securities of the other executor and executrix, or against this defendant individually, he relies as well upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, and their sureties, & for other purposes", passed the 8th of March 1826 as upon the act entitled "an act for limitation of actions for preventing problems & vexatious suits concerning _fails, and certain proceedings in civil cases" and prays that the full benefit of the said acts of the assembly may be extended to him in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were here more formally pleaded.

As to all other matters in relation to the estate of the said John Wright the Elder, believing the facts contained in the answers of James Wright and Joel Wright Exors of John Wright Jr. decd. to the said bill to be true, he now adopts the same and having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and as in duty bound he will pray &c.

Tommy Wright

Bedford County to wit -

This day Tommy Wright made oath before the subscriber a magistrate for said county, that the foregoing answer is true as far as the facts therein contained are charged as being within his own knowledge and he believes the balance to be true. Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1847.

Jno. Clayton J.P."

On September 14, 1847, the counsel for Anthony Wright filed his note in the case in File 413:

"McGeorge & Wife) Note of Anthony Wrights Counsel
vs)
Wrights & als) In chancery

The Bill in this case ought to be dismissed as to the Defendant Anthony Wright with costs. On September 1803 Anthony Wright united with the Exors & Executrix of John Wright in the execution of an exetorial bond, in which the said Anthony was only bound as security, and an attempt is now made in this suit brought more than 40 years after the date of said bond to make him responsible

as one of the security of said Executors & Executrix. In his answer he relies upon the statute of Limitations and it is a complete bar to any recover of him. He is also charged in the Bill with one or two hours which it is alleged the received of the Executrix forty years ago. In his answer he admits that a short time after the death of his Father John Wright he purchased of his Executors & Executrix a hip shod mare which belonged to his esState, for which he paid $50 & he afterwards swaped a valuable young horse with the Executor for a coalt which his mother gave him & received sixty dollars from him as a boot between his fine young horse & said colt, which is all the property he ever received from the Executor & Executrix & for which he gave its full value. He denies the right of the Plaintiffs now to call upon him to account for it & pleads the statute of limitations. It is very clear that the Executors & Executrix were authorized by the Will to dispose of the personal property & if they were not the purchaser of this property could not be required to account for it after the lapse of 40 years to the plaintiffs & if they ever had any just demand against the Defendant Anthony Wright (which is denied) it is completely barred by the Statute of Limitations which is plead & relied upon. I think by a fair interpretation of the last will & Testament of John Wright he made an absolute bequest to his wife and Exutrix of all his money on hands or owing to him by bonds notes or accounts together with all his stock of every kind household & kitchen furniture Subject to this restriction alone, that & whatever stock should be on hands at his wifes death shall be equally divided between John Joseph & Ruth, who can take nothing by this devise or bequest, if the old lady as is stated in the bill left no "stock on hands" at her death; at all events the Exutrix was entitled to a life estate in all the personal property after the payments of the debts & legacies all of which were paid off prior to 1820 when the Exeutrix was entitled to the remainder of the estate for life, and her security in her Exutorial bond are in no way bound for the preservation or forthcoming of any part of said personal property, it is therefore clear that the plaintiffs Bill ought to be dismissed as to the Defendant Anthony Wright with costs, both upon the merits & upon the plea of the Statute. Suppose the Court will not hesitate to give the Defendant Anthony Wright his costs, as there can be no apology for the Plaintiffs draging him into a Court of Chancery & puting him to the costs of defending himself against their unjust & illegal claim of 40 years standing. I therefore move that the Bill as to the Defendant Anthony Wright may be dismissed with costs

Septr 14th 1847 Anderson for the Defendant A. Wright "

On March 23, 1848, William McGeorge executed a release of several of the defendants in File 413.

"For and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred & Eighty five Dollars to me in hand paid by John Q A Wright James C. Kasey Robert Wright Joel Wright & John Q A Wright Guardians for James O Wright. I do hereby release to them all

demands which I may have against them or the Estate of John Wright Decd. in a suit in Chancery depending in Bedford Circuit Superior Court Court in which I and my wife Ruth McGeorge are plaintiffs and the Executors of John Wright Decd and the admrs of Elizabeth Wright Decd and others are Defendants, and the said suit is to be dismissed agreed without Costs. Given under my hand and seal this 23d day of March 1848.

Teste. Wm. McGeorge
G. W. Wingfield"

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright were the following:

1) Tommey Wright, born probably about 1763 or between 1760 and 1764 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Sarah "Sally" (Wright) Wheeler, born between 1765 and 1770 and possibly in 1765 or 1766 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Anthony Wright, born between 1768 and 1770 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Nancy (Wright) Asberry or Asbury, born about 1771 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Elizabeth (Wright) Corley, born about 1775 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Mary "Polley" (Wright) Hopper, born after 1774 and probably before 1780 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Rhoda (Wright) Hurt, born probably before 1783 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

8) John Wright, born about 1784 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

9) Joseph Wright, born on June 1, 1785, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

10) Ruth (Wright) McGeorge, born between 1784 and 1794 or about 1780 or 1783 at Virginia and probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

1. 1850 Tommey Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Synthia (Mayse) Wright, And His Descendants

1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

On October 25, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/421 1803 John Wright gifted 150 acres of land to Tommey Wright:

> "This Indenture made this 25 day of Oct. 1784 Between John Wright of Bedford County of the One Part, and Tommey Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth, that the said John Wright hath this Day given granted and Delivered and by these presents doth give, grant, Deliver Enfeoff and confirm unto the sd. Tommey Wright and to his Heirs forever, One certain Track of Land containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres be the same more or less lying and being on both sides of Beaverdam Creek, Including One Hundred and ten Acres of the Land whereon the said John Wright now lives and bounded as followeth Viz. Begining at a Red Oak on the Bank of the said Creek, thence North twenty Degrees West One Hundred Poles to Pointers, North Sixty Poles to a Pine, North twenty two Degrees East Fifty two Poles, Thance a dividing Line South fifty Eight Degrees East One Hundred and Seventy poles, Thence South Forty two Degrees West One Hundred and thirty Nine Poles to a Beach on a Branch, thence down the Stream as it Meanders to the Begining, also including a Survey of Forty Acres Joining the above mentioned Track of Land and bounded as followeth Viz. Begining at the above mentioned Corner Red Oak on Beaver Dam Creek, Thence with said Line North Twenty five Degrees West forty poles to a White Oak, Off South Seventy One Degrees West Fifty poles to a pine, South five Degrees West Ninety poles to a White Oak, South Seventy five Degrees East twnety four poles crossing the sd. Creek to a Pine, North fifty eight Degrees East fifty six poles to a Red Oak, North thirty One Degrees West Forty Poles to a white Oak on the Creek aforesd. and thence up the same as it meanders to the first Station. To have and Hold the sd. Land and Premices unto the said Tommey Wright and to his Heirs forever, and he the sd. John Wright doth hereby Covenant for himself and his Heirs, that he will warrant and forever defend the sd. Land unto the sd. Tommey Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof the sd. John Wright hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written
>
> John Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of October 1784.

This Indenture was acknowledged by John Wright a party thereto & Ordered to be Recorded.

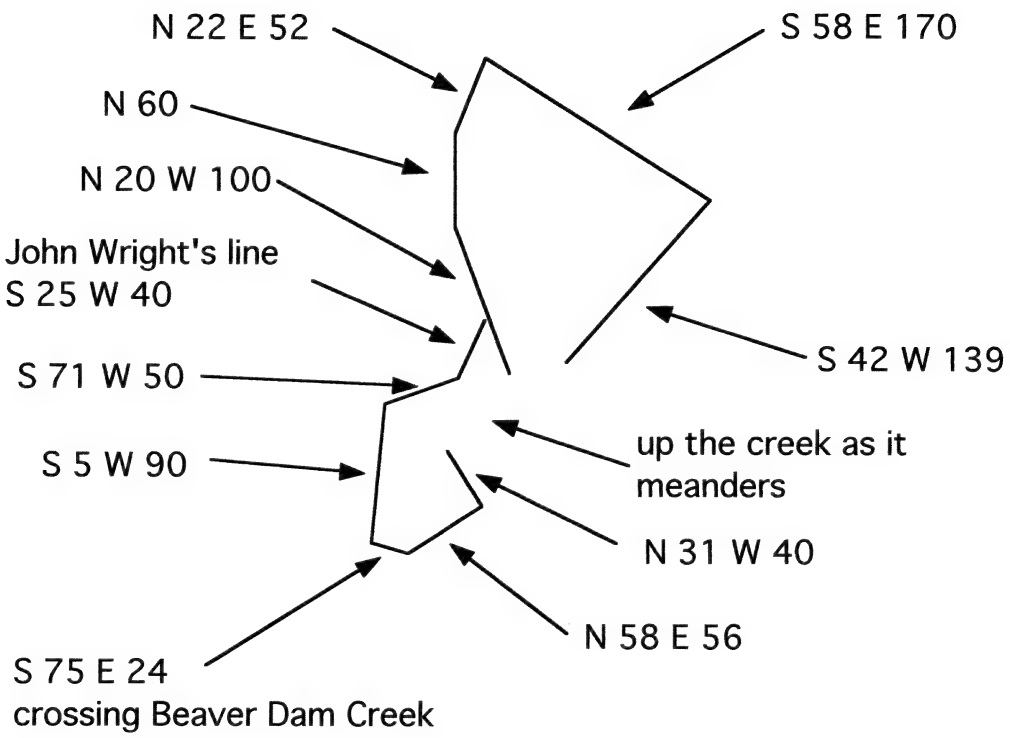
Teste,
Ja: Steptoe Cl. B.C."

If Tommey Wright was at least 18 years of age when he acquired this property, his birth date would be probably before 1767.

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

D.B. 7/421



The location of this land has been given above in the section on 1803 John Wright.

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household:

Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg. Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
Tommey Wright	1		1		

Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Weals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
	2			

This record indicates that Tommey Wright was then over 21 years of age and, therefore, that his date of birth was in approximately 1763 or before.

The 1784 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thommy Wright with the following property:

Name	[Quantity of Acres]	[Average price pr Acre]	[Amount Valuation]	Tax at 1½ pr Cent]
Thommy Wright	190	10.	95.0	1.8.6

This record reflects the gift of 150 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 7/421. As discussed above in connection with 1803 John Wright, the second parcel of forty acres of land included in Deed 7/421 was apparently inadvertently counted twice. The amount of land acquired was corrected in 1785.

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Person Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
Tommy Wright	1		1		

Total Blacks	Horses	Nett Cattle	No Wheals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
	2			

The 1785 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thommy Wright with the following property:

Landholder	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1__ pr___
Thommy Wright	150	10.	75.	1.2.-

This record reflects the correction of the amount of land received by Bedford County Deed 7/421 to the correct 150 acres.

The marriage bond of Tommey Wright and Synthia Mayse was dated on December 15, 1785, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of James Mayse:

> "Know all Men by these Presents that We Tommy Wright & William Halley of Bedford County are held & firmly bound unto Patrick Henry Esquire Governor or Chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money to which paiment well & truly to be made to the said Patrick Henry or to his Successors We bind ourselves & each of us, our, & each of our Joint & Several Heirs Exors & Admrs firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & dated this 15th day of December 1785.
>
> The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Tommy Wright & Synthia Mayse Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue
>
> Signed Sealed & deld.) Tommey Wright
> in presence of) William Halley"

Consent to marriage was required for a bride or a groom when they were under 21 years of age. Since consent was given for Synthia, but not for Tommey, his birth date was probably before 1764 and hers probably after that year.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomey Wright with the following household:

Persons Names	Total Tythes	Taxes on Covg Horses	Whites Over 21 Years	Blacks Over 16 Years
Thomey Wright	1		1	

Blacks under 16 Years	Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Wheels riding Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
		2	4		

The 1786 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Land Holders	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1¼ pr Cent
Tommy Wright	150	10.-	75.	1.2.6

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 14:

Date of Recg List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Number of White Male Tithables above 21
April 14	Tommy Wright	Tommy Wright

No white Males above 16 Under 21	Blacks above 16	blacks under 16	horses Mares, Colts & Mules	Cattle	Carriage Wheels
			3	4	

Ordinary Licenses	Billiard Tables	No Stud Horses	rates

The 1787 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Tommey Wright			150	10.0

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at one & a half Per Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on June 23:

Date of receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Number of tithes white & black	Num-ber of blacks over 12	horses Mares Colts & Mules
June 23	Tommy Wright	1		3

Carriage wheels	Ordinary license	Billiard Tables	Num-ber of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothecaries & Surgeons

The 1788 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of land per acre	rates of land per acre
Tommey Wright			150	10.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of lots	Amount of Tax at one and half per Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 26:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Whites & Blacks	No of Blacks Over 12 years	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 26	Tommy Wright	1		2

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothecaries & Surgeons

The 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of lots	yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Lands	rate of land per acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
75.0.01	1.2.6

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright (B.D.) with the following household on March 27:

Dates of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Black & White	No. of Blacks over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 27	Thomas Wright (B.D.)	1		2

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The designation "(B.D.)" was often used in these records to stand for Beaverdam Creek and, therefore, identifies this Thomas Wright as Tommey Wright.

The 1790 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per acre
Tommey Wright			150	10.

Total amount of value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at 1½ pr Ct
75.0.0	1.2.6

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on March 22:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No White & Black	No. of Blacks above 12	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules
Mar 22	Tommy Wright	1		2

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Cover-ing	Practising Apothe-caries Physicians & Surgeons

The 1791 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre S d
Tommey Wright			150	10.

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts £	Amount of Taxes at One & haf p Ct £
75.0.0	1.2.6

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on March 31:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. of Blacks	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Mar 31	Tommey Wright	1		3	

Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No. of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1792 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommey Wright			150	10.

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6

On April 21, 1792, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 14/359 Thomas Wright purchased 35 acres of land from Charles and Martha McManaway:

"This Indenture made this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two Between Charles McManaway and Martha McManaway (his wife) of Bedford County and in the state of Virginia of the one part and Thomas Wright of the said County of Bedford of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Charles McManaway & Martha McManaway his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand he the said Thomas Wright the receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge hath given granted and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and Deliver unto the said Thomas Wright to him his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the said county of Bedford situated on the Waters of Beaverdam Creek containing of thirty five acres (be the same more or less) bounded as followeth viz Beginning at a pine thence North Seventy two degrees East fifty poles to his corner by a fence thence North Seventy two degrees West ninety poles to his corner in Waltons line a white oak thence along Waltons line Seventy five poles to a corner red oak on a path off new line South Seventy poles to a pine thence South East sixty five poles to the beginning station - To Have and to Hold the said Land & premises together with the priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Thomas Wright his heirs & assigns forever & they the sd Charles McManaway & Martha McManaway his wife doth covenant grant and agree to and with the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns that they the said Charles McManawa & Martha McManawa & their heirs the said Land & premises unto the said Thomas Wright his heirs & assigns shall & Will warrant & forever defend against the claim or demand of any person or persons whatsoever - In Witness whereof they the said Charles McManawa & Martha McManawa his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first above Written.

Signd. Seald & ackd) Charles McMannawy
In presence of us) her
Anthy Wright Martha X McMannaway
Saml. Mayse mark
Martin Greer

Memo that upon the day & year first within written Livery of seizen of the within Land & premises possession with all their appurtenances was given & made by

Charles McManaway & Martha McManaway his wife unto the within named Thomas Wright according to the tenor & effect of the within written Deed.

Teste
Anthy Wright
Saml Mayse
Martin Greer

Charles McManaway
Martha X McManaway

At a Court held for Bedford County at the courthouse the __ day of April 1792 This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Charles mcManaway & Martha his wife of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other was proven by the oath of Samuel Mayse a Subscribing Witness and at a court held for said County at the court house the 28" day of October 1793 the same was further proven by the oath of Anthony Wright another subscribing Witness - and afterward at a court held for said county the 27th of Novemr 1815 The same was further proven by the oath of Martin Greer another subscribing Witness & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J Steptoe C.B.C"

As will be set forth below, Tommey Wright was taxed on this 35 acres of land, but as a parcel of 30 acres, in the Land Tax Lists, which identifies the Thomas Wright of the deed as Tommey Wright.

The will of James Mayse dated December 15, 1792, and probated on June 22, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 2/160 listed Sinthey Wright as one of his children:

". . . . and my Daughter Sinthey Wright I give one Shilling Starlen and know more . . . ."

This record confirms the identity of 1850 Tommey Wright's wife Synthia (Mayse) Wright as the daughter of 1795 James Mayse of Bedford County.

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on March 20:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Mar 20	Tommy Wright	1		4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1793 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.

Total Amount of Value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Ct
75.0.0	1.2.6

On January 25, 1794, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/484 Tommey Wright purchased 20 acres of land from Burr Barton adjacent to his existing land:

> "This Indenture made this Twenty fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety four, between Burr Barton of Bedford County in the state of Virginia of the one part, and Tommey Wright of the aforesaid county of Bedford of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Burr Barton for and in consideration of the sum of Eight pounds lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the sd Tommey Wright, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath given, granted, and sold, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, and deliver unto the said Tommey Wright, to him his heirs & assigns for ever One Certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the said County of Bedford on the branches of Beaver dam Creek containing of Twenty acres (be the same more or less) bounded as followeth viz, Begining at a double poplar and pine in the said Tommey Wrights old line, thence following the same South 4 West 88 poles to a maple in a branch, thence South 62 degrees West 20 poles to a white oak on Beaver dam Creek, thence South 33 degrees East 40 poles to a red oak corner of Burr Bartons, thence off new lines North 47 degrees, East 66 poles to pointers on a hill side, thence North 2 degrees East 66 poles to the begining station. To have & to hold the said land & premises together with the priviledges & appurtenances, thereunto belonging unto the said Tommey Wright his heirs & assigns forever. And the said Burr Barton doth covenant grant & agree to and with the said Tommey Wright, his heirs & assigns that he the sd

Burr his heirs Exors &c the said Land & premises unto the said Tommey Wright his heirs & assigns shall and will warrant & forever defend against the claim or demand of any person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof he the said Burr Barton hath hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Signed & acknowledged. In the presence of John Wright James I P Payne William McCormack

Bur his B mark Barton

Memorandum,

That on the day & year first within written Livery & seizin of the within Land & premises and possession with all their appurtenances was made and given by the within mentioned Burr Barton unto the within named Tommey Wright, according to the tenor & effect of the within written Deed.

Test. John Wright James I P Payne William McCormack

Bur his B mark Barton

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of Jany 1794. This Indenture of bargain and sale, between Burr Barton of the one part, & Thomas Wright of the other part & the memorandum of livery & seisin thereon endorsed, were proved by the oaths of John Wright & William McCormack, two of the witnesses thereto; & afterwards at a Court held for said County the 25th of Decr 1809 this Indenture & the memo: of livery & seisin thereon endorsed, were further proved by the oath of James Payne a witness thereto, & the same having been before proved by the oaths of two other witnesses, is ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on March 14:

Date of receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes white & Black	No. of Blacks over 12 Years	No. of Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Mar 14	Tommy Wright	1		4	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No. of Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1794 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.

Total Amt of Value of Land Ex-clusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No. of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apl 28	Tommey Wright	1		3	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1795 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.
Ditto			20	1.6
Ditto			30	5.3

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6
1.10.0	.3½
54.11.8	2.4

This record reflects the purchase of 20 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 13/484 and the purchase of 35 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 14/359, but listed as 30 acres of land.

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on March 21:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No of horses, mares, Cots & mules	Carriage Wheels
March 21	Tommey Wright	1		3	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1796 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.
Ditto			20	1.6
Ditto			30	5.3

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6
1.10.0	.3½
7.17.6	2.4

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on April 5:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses mares Colts & mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 5	Tommey Wright	1		4	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1797 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	10.
Ditto			20	1.6
Ditto			30	5.3

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
75.0.0	1.2.6
1.10.0	.3½
7.7.6	2.4

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on May 17:

____	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses Mares Colts and Mules	Carriage Wheels
May 17	Tommey Wright	1		4	

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1798 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
Ditto			20	.25
Ditto			30	.89

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every 100 _ & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34 of the rents
250.50	.95
5.00	.02
26.70	.10

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on April 25:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No. of tithes	No. of Blacks Over 12 Years	No. of Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules
Apl 25	Tommey Wright	1		4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1799 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
Ditto			20	.25
Ditto			30	.89

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every $100 & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34
250.50	.95
5.00	.02
26.70	.10

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on March 26:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12	No Horses Mares Colts Mules
Mar 26	Tommey Wright	1		4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	No of Studs	Rates of Carrying

The 1800 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names owning land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rentf of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
Ditto			20	.25
Ditto			30	.89

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Taxes @ 38 Cents for every $100 & Lotts $4.17 for every $333.34
250.50	—
5.00	—
26.70	—

On November 29, 1800, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Tommey Wright acted as witness to a promissory note payable by Thomas Squires and George Squires to Edward Sinclair:

> "We Thomas Squires and George Squires of the County Bedford do promise to pay or cause to be paid to Edward Sinclair of the county aforesaid or his assigns the just and full Sum of ten pounds on or before the first day of November 1801 current money of Virginia for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs &c in the penal sum of twenty pounds like money as Witness our hands this 29 day of November 1800.
>
> Teste — Thomas Squires
> Tommey Wright — George Squires
> Del Peter Dent
> Barnard Teerel(?)
> Samuel Thuford(?)"

On December 22, 1800, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Edward Sinclair assigned that promissory note to Thomas Wright:

"December the 22 1800 I do assine the with in to Thomas Wright

Test Edward Sinclair
Joseph Wright
Thomas Preas

Recevd of with in Bound Eight Dollars

Dec 21 1811"

The assignee of this note was probably Tommey Wright, the original witness to the note, but the use of the name Thomas rather than Tommey leaves open that the assignee was 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County and not 1850 Tommey Wright.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thommey Wright with the following household on May 4:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. Blacks over 12	No of horses mares colts & mules	Car-riage Wheels
May 4	Thommey Wright	1		5	

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1801 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
ditto			20	.25
ditto			30	.89

Total Amt. of Value of land exclusive of Lotts	Amt of Taxes at 38 Cents for every $100 and Lotts at fifty every $333 & 33 Cts
250.50	.95
5.00	.02
26.70	.10

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on July 26:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males Over 16	Blacks above 12 Years old	Blacks above 16 Years old
July 26	Tommy Wright	1		

				Carriage Wheels		
Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Barouches Chariots & Post Chaises	Other rideing 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding carriages with 2 wheels
4						

The 1802 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land and Lots	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
ditto			20	.25
ditto			30	.89

Total amount of the value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at Forty __ for $100 and $1.56 on $100 of each of Lots
250.50	1.21
5.00	.02
26.70	.13

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on August 18:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Aug 18	Tommey Wright	1			5

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Coaches Chariots&c	Other riding 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding Chaises &c

The 1803 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
ditto			20	.25
ditto			30	.89

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at Forty Eight Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
250.50	1.21
5.00	.02
26.70	.13

The will of 1803 John Wright dated on August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Tommy Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . first I do give to my son Tommy my negroe man Call'd Tye to be his own property at my wife's Death . . . . I do appoint my Wife, my son Tommy & my son John Exetors to this my Last will . . . ."

The distinctive name Tommy identifies 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County as the son of 1763 John Wright of Bedford County.

On September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/13 Tommy Wright was appointed Co-Executor of his father's will along with his mother Elizabeth Wright and his brother 1840 John Wright:

> ". . . . This Last Will & Testament of John Wright Senr. Dec'd was exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Wright Tommy Wright & John Wright and proved by the oath of Joel Shrewbury & Nancy Lancaster subscribing witnesses, & ordered to be recorded, & on the motion of the said Elizabeth Wright Tommy Wright & John Wright the Executrix & Executors therein named who made oath and together with Anthony Wright, Joel Shrewsberry & Thomas Logwood their securities entered into, & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Ten thousand Dollars conditioned according to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereon in due form.
>
> Teste, J. Steptoe"

In December 1803 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 13/70 Tommy Wright was appointed a processioner of land:

> "Ord. that Tommy Wright be appd. procession in the room of Isaac James in Capt Wm Shrewsberry's Company"

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on March 26:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
March 26	Tommy Wright	2			5

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The 1804 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Pr Acre	Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent thereof
Tommey Wright			150	1.67	250.50	1.27
ditto			20	.25	5.00	.02
ditto			30	.89	26.70	.13

On July 23, 1804, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1047 Tommey Wright purchased 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek from John Lancaster and his wife:

> "This Indenture made the 23d day of July One Thousand eight hundred & four between John Lancaster and Lucey Lancaster his Wife of the County of Bedford of the one part and Tomey Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Lancaster and Lucy Lancaster his wife for and in the Consideration of the sum of one Hundred and Twenty five pounds current Money of Virginia have given granted bargained and Sold unto the said Tomey Wright and his heirs one certain Tract or parcel of Land in the County of Bedford lying and being on the South Side of Beverdam Creek containing Two hundred Acres excepting a Grand Yard fifteen feet Square in the Orchard be the same more or less and bounded as followeth Beginning on a corner _____ bush on the south side of Beverdam Creek from thence South to a white Oak corner in James Johnson's Line from thence South to a corner Gum in Anderson McCormacks line from thence to corner white Oak in said McCormacks and Robert Nimmos lines from thence along the Road known by the Name of Johnson's Mill Road to Charles Antoneys line then cornering on a read Oak thence west along said Antoneys line to Tomey Wrights corner white Oak thence along said Wrights Line to said Beverdam Creek thence down said Creek as it manders to the first beginning Together with all its appurtences to have and to hold the said Tract aforesaid of Land with its appurtenances unto the said Tomey Wright and his heirs and the said John Lancaster and Lucey Lancaster his Wife & their hers the said Tract or parcel of Land with its appurtinances to the said Tomey Wright & his heirs will warrant & defend In Witness herof the said John

Lancaster & Lucey Lancaster his Wife have hereunto subscribed ther names and affixed their Seals the day & Year above written

Signed Sealed &c) John Lancaster
In presence of) Lucy Lancaster

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Court House the 23d day of July 1804.

This Indenture of bargain & Sale between John Lancaster & Lucy his wife of the one part & Tommy Wright of the other was acknowledged by the said John Lancaster & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CB"

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following household on May 29:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
May 29	Tommey Wright	2		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1805 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
Ditto			20	.25
Ditto			30	.89
Ditto			200	.25

Total Amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and$1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
250.50	1.21
5.00	.02
26.70	.13
50.00	.25

This record reflects the purchase of 200 acres of land by Tommey Wright in Bedford County Deed 11/1047 originally purchased in 1794. The delay in proving and recording the deed until 1809 probably accounted for the delay in listing this land as taxed to Tommey Wright.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on July 17:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years Old	Blacks above 16 years Old
July 17	Tommy Wright	2		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1806 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Tommy Wright			150	1.67
ditto			20	.25
ditto			30	.89
ditto			200	.25

Total amount of the value of Land Exclusive of lots	Amount of the Tax at 48 Cents for $100 worth & $1.56 Cts on $100 of the rent of lots
250.50	1.21
5.00	.02
26.70	.13
50.00	.25

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Property	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 under 16	Blacks above 16	Horses Mares Coults & Mules	Other Taxable Property in Manuscript
Tommy Wright	2			6	

The 1807 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total amount of the Value of Land Ex-clusive of Lots	Total Amt. of Tax on Lots & Land
Tommy Wright	150	1.67	250.50	1.21
ditto	20	.25	5.00	.02
ditto	30	.89	26.70	.13
ditto	200	.25	50.00	.25

On July 25, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 14/348 Thomas Wright was ordered to allot the hands for road repair:

> "Ordered that Thomas Wright, Emond Pate, Robert Nemo & Nathan Shrewsbury, or any three of them divide and allot the hands who work on the Road of which Matthew Wright, Anthony Wright, James Johnson & John Holliday are Surveyors, between the said Surveyors, and make Report to the Court"

The listing of the road surveyors as Matthew Wright and Anthony Wright makes it most probable that the Thomas Wright of this listing was Tommey Wright.

On September 14, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/379 Thomas Wright purchased slave Jude from William and Elizabeth Corley:

"This Indenture made this fourteenth day of September One Thousand eight hundred & eight between William Corley & Betsey his wife of Bedford County of the one part, and Thomas Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Corley & Betsey his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixty pounds in hand paid by the said Thomas Wright the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge themselves fully and well satisfied therewith hath sold their right and title unto the said Thomas Wright of One Negro Girl by the name of Jude being the same Negro left her by her Father by will to have and to hold the said Negro unto the only proper use and behoof of him the said Thomas Wright & his heirs and assigns forever without any hindrance or disturbance from any person or persons that shall or may lay any Claim or Claims right or title to the above sold Negro, and the said William Corley & Betsey his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend the same against themselves their heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns. In Witness whereof the said William Corley & Betsey his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day and Year above written

Signed and Sealed
In presents of
Test
George Horn
Peter Horn
Matthew Wright

William Corley
her
Elizabeth x Corley
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of September 1808.

This Bill of Sale from William Corley & Betsey his wife to Thomas Wright was proved by the oath of Peter Horn & Matthew Wright two subscribing witnesses & Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

Elizabeth Corley was a daughter of 1803 John Wright from whom she inherited her slave Jude and, therefore, a sister of 1850 Tommey Wright. There was no other Thomas Wright in Bedford County at this time of the appropriate age to make the purchase other than 1850 Tommey Wright. For these reasons, the Thomas Wright of this deed is identified as 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County.

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Names 1 March 1809	No Whites Over 16 years old	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 Under 16	Horses	Other Taxable property mentioned in manuscript
Tommy Wright	1			5	

The change from two white males over 16 in the 1807 Personal Property Tax List to one white male in the 1809 Personal Property Tax List indicates the move of Tommey Wright's son John from his father's household.

The 1809 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount of the Vaue Of Land Exclusive of Lots
Tommy Wright	150	1.67	250.50
do	20	.25	5.00
do	30	.89	26.70
do	200	.25	50.00

In February 1810 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 15/183 Tommey Wright was appointed surveyor of the road from Beaverdam Creek to Weaver's Creek:

> "Ord. that Tommy Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from Beaver dam creek to Weaver's Creek in the room of Matthew Wright with the usual bond"

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above Sixteen years	Blacks Above Sixteen Years Old	Blacks Above twelve	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary License
Tommy Wright	2			5	

Billiard Tables	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering per Season	Coaches Chariots& post& Mules	Other riding four W. chaises	Riding Carriages with two wheels

The 1810 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Owners of Land 1810	Quantity of Land	Rate Of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of the Value Of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots and Land
Tommy Wright	150	1.67	250.50	1.21
do	20	.25	5.00	.02
do	30	.89	26.70	.13
do	200	.25	50.00	.25

In April 1810 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 15/207 Thomas Wright was ordered to allot hands for the opening of a road:

> "For reasons appearing to the Court It is ordered that that the road petitioned for from James Johnson's house to Stanton river be established agreeable to the report of the Viewers and that John Jeter be appointed to open the same and that Thomas Wright James Johnson Sr & Ro Nemo do allot the hands who shall open the same & allot the hands who shall work under sd. Pate & Matthew Pate & James Johnson surveyors of roads"

The location of the road to Staunton River makes it probable that the Thomas Wright of this listing was Tommey Wright.

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Tommey Wright, although it did list a Thomas Wright over 45 years of age with a wife aged 26 to 45. If this Thomas Wright were Tommey, it would indicate a birth date for Tommey Wright before 1765 and for Synthia (Mayse) Wright between 1765 and 1784. That Thomas Wright had the following family:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Thomas Wright	1	45+	1	26-45		
	1	16-26	1	10-16		
	2	0-10	1	0-10		

From additional evidence regarding birth dates set forth below, the ages of the members of the family fit that of Tommey Wright, with his son John Wright having left and his daughter Elizabeth having married:

Males	Age	Identity
1	45+	Tommey Wright, born circa 1763
1	16-26	James Wright, born on April 23, 1792
2	0-10	Joel Wright, born on March 25, 1799, and Jubel Wright, born between April 13 & May 23, 1802

Females	Age	Identity
1	45+	Synthia (Mayse) Wright, born between 1765 and 1770
1	10-16	Polly Wright, born probably before 1796
1	0-10	Nancy Wright, born circa 1806 or 1807

On October 12, 1810, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/576 Tommey Wright purchased all of the estate of his mother-in-law Mary (____) Mayse:

> "Know all men by these presents that I Mary Mayse of the County of Bedford for divers good Causes & in consideration of the sum of Six shillings current money to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge & the further consideration hereafter mentioned have bargained & Sold unto Tommy Wright all my Estate consisting of the following property to Witt, one mare & Colt Two Cows & Calves, two beds & furniture, three head of Sheep nine head of hogs, two Iron potts, one Oven, my Interest in the tract of land where on I now live together with all the Smaller articles belonging to me not above mentioned & by these presents do bargain, sell, deliver & Confirm unto him the said Tommy his heirs &c forever as a Compensation more especially for my future maintenance in a decent manner during my natural life which the said Tommy Wright has undertaken & laid himself under obligations to afford & procure And further by these presents I do bind myself my heirs &c that the right & title of the aforesaid Estate unto the said Tommy Wright his heirs & assigns forever, I will warrant & forever defend from the claim or demand of all other persons whatsoever as Witness my hand & Seal this 12th day of October 1810
>
> Teste Robert Nimmo Sr. her
> John Wheeler Mary X Mayse
> mark
>
> At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of October 1810. This Bill of sale from Mary Mayse of the one part to Tommy Wright of the

other part was proven by the oath of John Wheeler a subscribing witness and at a Court held for said County the 28th day of January 1811 this bill of Sale was further proven by the oath of Robert Nimmo Sr. another subscribing witness & Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe, C.B.C."

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property 1 March 1811	No of Whites Over 16 years	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks over 12 under 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	Tommy Wright	2			6

Other Taxable property in Manuscript

The 1811 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Lots & Lands 1811	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of Value of Land excluding Lots	Total Tax On Lots and Land
Tommy Wright	150	1.67	250.50	1.21
Do	20	.25	5.00	.02
Do	30	.89	26.70	.13
Do	200	.25	50.00	.25
Do of Wm Wheeler	59	.75	44.25	.22

This record reflects an acquisition of 59 acres of land charged to Tommey Wright, but this was probably an error and should have been charged to Anthony Wright and was corrected in the 1812 Land Tax List.

In March 1811 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 15/334 Tommey Wright was ordered to open a road to the Staunton River:

> "Ordered that Tommy Wright Sur. road & his gang do assist John Jeter in opening a road from James Johnsons Mill to Staunton river"

On July 22, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 15/379 Tommey Wright was exempted from working on the road by reason of his infirmity:

> "Ordered that Tommy Wright be exempted from working on road by reason of infirmity"

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Taxable Property last day of February 1812	Whites over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16	Horses Mares Colts&c	Other Taxable Property
Tommy Wright	2			6	

The 1812 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wrights Est with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land 1812	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount the Value Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	Location Lots & Land
Thomas Wrights Est	150	1.67	250.50	1.21	Beaver Dam
Do	20	.25	5.00	.02	Same
Do	30	.89	26.70	.13	Same
Do	200	.25	50.00	.25	Same

While the record stated that this land belonged to "Thomas Wrights Est", this was simply a transcription error and it properly should have been listed to Tommey Wright.

On April 27, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 16/55 Thomas Wright was appointed overseer of the poor:

> "Charles Gill Thomas Wright William Dickerson & James Ayers qualified as overseers of the poor according to Law"

Since Tommey Wright was thereafter repeatedly appointed overseer of the poor, the Thomas Wright of this listing was probably Tommey Wright.

On June 23, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/738 Tommey Wright executed a surety bond for the appointment of John Melson as constable of Bedford County.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date When Lists	Persons Names owning property 1813	White males over 16	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks 12 & Under 16	Horses colts mares & Mules
	Tommy Wright	2			6

Giggs & Riding Carriages of all kinds
2 & 4 wheels Stud horses jacks Mills
& Licence OrdinaryLicence &c

The 1813 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Lots & Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	
Thomas Wright	150	1.67	250.50	1.60	on Beaver Dam
ditto	20	.25	5.00	.03	on the same
ditto	30	.89	26.70	.17	on the same
ditto	200	.25	50.00	.32	on the same

The quantity and parcels of land listed make it clear that the Thomas Wright of this listing was Tommey Wright.

On July 26, 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/866 Tommy Wright executed another surety bond for the appointment of John Melson as constable for Bedford County.

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
Tommy Wright	1			

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property
	4	

The change from two white males over 16 in the household in 1813 to one white male in the household in 1814 indicates the move of Tommey Wright's son James from his father's household. This is consistent with the first appearance of James Wright, Jr., in the 1814 Personal Property Tax List.

The 1814 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Tommy Wright	prem.	fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p$100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		150	Beaverdam Adjg same
		20	same same
		30	same same
		200	same same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total Of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preced-ing(?) year(?)
	1.67	250.50	2.14	2.14	
	.25	5.00	.04	.04	
	.89	26.70	.23	.23	
	.25	50.00	.43	.43	

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 17:

			Slaves		Horses
Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	between 9 & 12 years old	above 12 years old	asses mules mares mares & Colts
Apl 17	Tommy Wright	1			3

Stud horses			Carriages			
No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	2 wheeled riding carriages	Phaetons & stage waggons	Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
		12				

			Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches		
Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards		Gold silver or pinchmark	Single Cased Gold	Double Case Gold

Livery Stables & No of stals or ____ sufficient for The accommodation of one horse	houses in the country exceeding in value $500 ____	Ice houses for private use	Ice houses from which ice is sold	Clocks works of wood without case	Clocks works of wood in the case	Clocks works principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd] of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	Printers & the subscrip-tions annually to their papers	Furniture Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Table or Separate ___ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirroror Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candle-sticks ___ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
.99		

The 1815 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Tommy Wright	prem	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents ___	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		150	Beaverdam Adjg Tommy Wright &c
		20	On the same adj the same
		30	On the same adj the same
		200	On the same adj the same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17W	1.67	250.50	2.14		
17W	.25	5.00	.04		
17W	.87	26.70	.23		
17W	.25	50.00	.43		

In May 1815 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/22 Tommey Wright was appointed overseer of the poor:

"Tommy Wright quald. as overseer of the poor accg to Law"

On June 26, 1815, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 14/332 Tommy Wright executed another surety bond for the appointment of John Melson as constable for Bedford County.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 22:

Date Receiving from lists Indi-viduals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 22	Tommy Wright	2	1	4		

2 Wheel Riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceeding value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						1.42

The listing of one white male over 16 in the 1815 Personal Property Tax List and two white males in the 1816 Personal Property Tax List reflects the attainment of age 16 by Tommey Wright's son Joel.

The 1816 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Tommy Wright	prem.	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		150	Same adj. John Wright &c
		20	On the same adj the same
		30	On the same adj the same
		200	Same adj the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes on Land & Lots	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
18W	1.67	250.50	1.88		
	.25	5.00	.04		
	.87	26.70	.20		
	.25	50.00	.38		

In May 1816 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/144 a list of land processioned by Tommey Wright was filed:

"A List of Land processd. by Tommy Wright & ORd. and each allowed 11 Days"

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 26:

Date of Receiv-ing lists from In-dividuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cts
Apl 26	Tommy Wright	2	1	6		

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff
1.78	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Tommy Wright	prem	fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		150	on the same adj John Wright &c
		20	on the same adj the same
		30	on the same adj the same
		200	the same adj the same

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land @ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
	1.67	250.50	1.88		
	.25	5.00	.04		
	.87	26.70	.20		
	.25	50.00	.38		

In May 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/355 Tommey Wright was fined for failing to attend as a grand juror:

> "_mey Wright who was fined for not attending as a Grand Juror this court made his excuse, Whereupon It ordered that the sd. rule agt. him be set aside"

In May 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/471 Tommey Wright reported that Charles Melson was aged and infirm and in need of support:

> "Tommy Wright & Wilkins Hunt came into court & made oath that they are neighbours of Charles Melson an aged & infirm man, that the said Charles Melson is in indigent circumstances, and that he needs the assistance of his country for support"

In May 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/472 Tommey Wright qualified as overseer of the poor:

> "Tommy Wright Charles Gill James Ayers Wm Dickerson qualified as overseers of the poor for this county according to Law."

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 13:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of Horses	No. of Stud Horses
April 13	Tommy Wright	2	1	7	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & Harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	exceeding value $200	Not exceeding in value $300	exceeding in value $300	Total amount of Taxes
						1.96

The 1818 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Tommy Wright	prem	fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		150	same
		20	same
		30	On Beaver dam
		200	same

Distance & bearings From the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ per Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots& Land
18W	1.67	250.50	1.38	
	.25	5.00	.04	
	.87	26.70	.20	
	.25	50.00	.38	

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on March 22:

Date of Receiv-ing Lists from Indi-viduals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March 22	Tommy Wright	3	1	7	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & har-ness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceed-ing in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not exceed-ing in value $300	Exceed-ing in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						1.96

The listing of two white males in the 1818 Personal Property Tax List and three white males in the 1819 Personal Property Tax List indicates the attainment of age 16 by Tommey Wright's son Jubel Wright.

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Tommy Wright (BD)	prem	fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. Of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		150	same
		20	same
		30	same
		200	same

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
18W	1.67	250.50	1.38	
	.25	5.00	.04	
	.87	26.70	.20	
	.25	50.00	.38	

On June 28, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/600 Tommy Wright, Lewis Lancaster, and John Wright executed a surety bond for the appointment of Lewis Lancaster as constable for Bedford County.

In February 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/742 Tommey Wright was appointed a commissioner to divide the land of Caniel Cawley among his children and Sally Finley:

> "Ordered that Lawrence McGeorge Tommy Wright Matthew Wright & William McGeorge or any three be appointed Comrs to divide the Lands of Caniel Cawley Dec. between his children & Sally Finley agreeable to his will, & also that the Executors of sd Cawley do sell the personal Estate including one slave the property of the said Decd on a credit of 12 months, taking bond & security to themselves & report to Court."

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving list	Persons names chargable with the Tax	No. of white male ties above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
	Tommy Wright	3	1	6	

2 wheeled riding carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches and harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding in value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total amt of Taxes
						1.78

Proof

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Tommy Wright	Bedford	400	On Bever Dam

Sum Distance and bearings from the Court house	added to the Land on Value of Land per Acre	account of the Building	Total Value	Amount of Tax ___ for every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1848.00	2.31	

This record reflects a consolidation of all of the land of Tommey Wright into a single parcel for purposes of the Land Tax List and confirms that all of the parcels were adjacent to each other on Beaverdam Creek.

In May 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/793 Tommey Wright was appointed to view a road from Pates Road:

> "On the petition of John Pate It is ordered that Tomy Wright Matthew Wright Wm. Dollard & John Wright or any three do view a way proposed for a road from Pates road below George Howes by sd pates Saw mill with the road at Thos Lancasters which leads from Hunts mill into pates road above George Medleys & report to Court"

The 1820 Census to Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with the following members of his household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Tommey Wright	1	45+	1	45+
	2	16-26	1	26-45
			1	10-16

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	4		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	26-45	1	0-14				

All Other Persons

This record indicates that the birth dates of Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright prior to 1775.

In August 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/36 Tommey Wright was appointed surveyor of the road along Beaverdam Creek:

> "Ord. that Tommy Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from Beaver Dam at Dr Stovers to same creek at Mrs Wrights in room of Wm McGeorge with several hands"

In September 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/39 Tommey Wright, as overseer of the poor, requested that Louisa Jordan be bound to Sarah Dent:

> "Ord. that Louisa Jordan be bound to Sarah Dent by the overseer of the poor at the request of Tommy Wright overseer of the poor"

In late 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/53 Tommey Wright was ordered to state his objections, if any, to the placement of a new road:

> "Ord. that Anthony Wright & Thomey Wright & Wm Ballard the propr_tors thro' whose land the road will run from John Pates Saw mill __ the road from Hunts mill to Lancasters petitioned for by John __ be summoned to next Court to state their objection if any to the form __"

In February 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/64 Thomas Wright was ordered to view a way for a road:

> "On the Mo. of Anthony Evans Jr. It is ordered that Thomas Wright George Medley William Holliday & Robert Nemo Jr. or any three, do view a way for a road from John Haynes' Store to strike Lynville road on Jno Hunts Land & report to Court"

The location of the road to Lynville Road indicates that the Thomas Wright of this listing was Tommey Wright.

In March 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/70 Tommey Wright was ordered to supervise the opening of a road:

> "Ordered that the road petitioned for by John Pate from Pates road below George Horns by Pates saw mill into the road leading by Thomas Wrights & into the road leading from Hunts mill to George Medley at Lancasters be Established agreeable to the report of Viewers. That Anthony Wright be allowed Twenty Dollars Damages & that Anthony Wright be appointed superintendant to open

the same & that the hands who work under Matthew Pate & Tommy Wright Surveyors of roads do assist in opening the Same"

In March 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/74 Tommey Wright was ordered to settle the account of the estate of Caniel Cawley:

"Ord. that Tommy Wright Matthew Wright Lawrce McGeorge & William McGeorge or any three do state & Settle the a/c current of the Estate of Caniel Cawley Dec with John Pate & Robert Hardy the Exors of sd Decd - and that they also allot to Sally Findley such portion of the sd Decs Estate as under the law she may be entitled to & report to Court."

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on February 24:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
February 24	Tommy Wright	1	4	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						1.09

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held In fee simple or for Life	N. Acres
Tommy Wright	Bedford	fee	400

Description of Land	Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of land P acre including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on Acct Building
On Beaver Dam	17SW	4.62	250

Total Value of Land and Buildings	Amount of Tax at the Rate of ___ $100 Value	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
1843.00	1.66	

On April 3, 1821, Tommey Wright's mother Elizabeth Wright filed suit against him and his brother 1840 John Wright in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, File 1373, alleging that they refused to deliver to her the property properly due her under the will of her husband 1803 John Wright. The complaint, answers, depositions and related papers have been discussed above in connection with 1803 John Wright. Tommey Wright denied the allegations and defended the treatment of his mother by his brother. The suit was ultimately compromised with 1840 John Wright agreeing to pay support to his mother for her life of a set amount.

In May 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/97 Tommey Wright was appointed overseer of the poor:

> "Henry Jones Tommey Wright David W Quarles Charles Gill Thomas Pate James Ayers overseer of the poor, qualified according to Law"

In August 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/137 Tommey Wright was ordered to view a road:

> "On the pet. of Thomas Lancaster. It is ordered that James Mayse Tommey W__ Wilkins J Hunt & Robert Nemo Sr. or any three do view a way for a road the mouth of Wilkin J Hunts lane to his mill & also to allot the __ of the hands to work under Thomas Lancaster, Thomas Wright Thos Holliday & Joshua Nobles Surs road Report to Court"

In November 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/175 Tommey Wright was ordered to allot the hands to repair a road:

> "Ordered that Anthony Wright be appointed Surveyed of the new road lately opened from Pates Road below George Horns by Pates Saw Mill into Hunts Road at Thomas Lancasters & that Wilkin J Hunt, Tommy Wright Matthew Wright & Thomas Melson do allot the hands to work under said Surveyor"

In March 1822 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/209 Tommey Wright was ordered to view a road to Staunton River:

> "On the pet. of Robert Nemo & others - It is ordered that Tommy Wright James Mayse Milliner Haynes & Jeremiah Adams or any three do view a way for a road from Wilkins J. Hunts mill to Staunton river James _ford & report to Court"

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on April 11:

Date of Receiv ing Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 11	Tommy Wright	3	4	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						2.15

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	___	Description of Land
Tommy Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam

Description & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land	Sum added to the Land on acct of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land @ 9 cts p every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.66	

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household on May 21:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
May 21	Tommy Wright	1	4		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		.95

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
Tommy Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	

In June 1823 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/8 Tommey Wright was allowed a commission for selling the land and slaves of Stephen Hughes:

> "The court doth allow Tommy Wright Henry Hurt & Jubal Jourdan five p Cent for selling the Land & negroes of Stephen Hughes Dec as comrs"

On June 23, 1823 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/10 Tommey Wright was ordered to settle the account of the estate of Stephen Hughes:

> "Ord. that Henry Hurt Tommy Wright Jubal Jourdan & Jereh Adams or any three do settle the a/c curr. of the Estate of Stephen Hughes Dec with his admrs & report to Court"

On July 14, 1823 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 19/16 Tommey Wright was ordered to show cause why his commission for selling property of the estate of Stephen Hughes should not be rescinded:

> "Ordered that Tommy Wright, Jubal Jourdan & Henry Hurt be summoned to the next Court to show cause if any they can why the order made at last Court allowing them Compensation as commrs in the Estate of St. Hughes should not be rescinded"

On October 10, 1823, Tommy Wright, as commissioner, sold the following land that was part of the estate of Stephen Hughes:

1) At Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/146 53 acres to Emoriah Hughes,

2) At Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/147 78-1/4 acres to John Thomas, and

3) At Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/185 111-1/3 acres to Nancy Burton.

On January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 Tommey and Syntha Wright executed an agreement by which they transferred their property to three of their sons in return for their support for life:

> "This Indenture made this 24th day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Tommy Wright and Syntha his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part, and James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein after mentioned, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the

said James, Joel & Jubel Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver and confirm unto the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns all the estate real and personal of every description of which they are possessed, or entitled to in law or equity consisting of the tract of land whereon they now live adjoining the lanes of John Wright and others, containing four hundred acres more or less and fifty acres of land adjoining thereto a part of Greers tract purchased of William Haynes for which a title has not yet been obtained, one negro girl slave named Silly, a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, & all the money due to the said Tommey Wright by bond note or open account. To have and to hold all the estate aforesaid real, and personal of every description with all and singular the appirtenances thereunto belonging, together with the rents, issues and profits of all and every part thereof unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever, and the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all the aforesaid estate real and personal Viz, Lands, slave, stock, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, all debts due by bond, note, or open a/c and all & every other estate real or personal to which they are or may be entitled to in law or equity against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever. In consideration of the aforesaid estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, the said James Wright, Joel Wright, and Jubel Wright bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally to provide at all times ample and comfortable support for the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife during each of their lives of articles of food, clothing and lodging in the houses they now dwell in, suitable to their age and condition, they also bind themselves to provide for their sister Nancy Wright a like ample and comfortable support who is to live in the houses aforesaid with her father & mother so long as she remains a single woman and they further bind themselves to find horses and saddles for the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife their father and mother to ride to meetings &c. during each of their lives, and also find a horse and saddle for their sister Nancy for the the like purposes, so long as she remains single and resides with her father and mother, they further bind themselves to pay to their sister Nancy Wright such sum of money as will make her equal in advance to those of the said Tommey Wrights children who have married and left him the payment to be made at such time as she may need or require the same to be done. And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia currency; for the true and faithful performance of the covenants and

agreements aforesaid the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright, bind themselves their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally as aforesaid

In Witness whereof the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife of the one part & the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the other part, hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein before written

Tommey Wright
Synthia X Wright
James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

Bedford County To Witt:

We William Shrewsbury and Lawrence McGeorge magistrates of said County do hereby Certify that Tommey Wright and Synthia Wright his wife parties to the annexed conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 24th January 1824 and desired us to certify the said conveyance to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded, and we do further certify that Synthia Wright wife of Tommey Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright, bearing date the 24th January 1824 and hereto annexed personally appeared before in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th January 1824

Wm. Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of May 1824. This Deed of Covenant was certified as to Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife by two justices of the peace and acknowledged by James, Joel & Jubal Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe CBC"

This record identifies the family of Tommey Wright as follows:

Wife: Synthia (____) Wright

Children: 1) James Wright,
2) Joel Wright,
3) Jubel Wright,
4) Nancy Wright,
5) John Wright,
6) Betsy (Wright) Meador, and
7) Polly (Wright) Mayse.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list Tommy Wright with any taxable property, consistent with the agreement and the transfer of his property to his sons.

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land
Tommy Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48

On September 6, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/53 Tommey Wright purchased 206 acres of land from John Shrewsbury and William and Rhoda Shrewsbury:

> "This Indenture made the 6" day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between John Shrewsbury of Bedford County and state of Virginia & William Shrewsbury & Rhoda his wife of Kanawha County and state aforesaid of the one part and Tommy Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth: That whereas on a division of the landed estate of Matthew Pate Deceased their was allotted to John & Rhoda Shrewsbury in right of their

deceased mother by commissioners appointed by Bedford County Court for that purpose a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the said County of Bedford called and known by the name of Greers place containing two hundred and six acres be the same more or less as their portion of the lands of the said Matthew Pate Deceased which allotment is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the said County Court of Bedford which said tract of land was sold by William Shrewsbury guardian of the said John & Rhoda Shrewsbury to John Pate who sold the same to William Haynes who sold the same to the said Tommy Wright. Now the said John Shrewsbury and William Shrewsbury and Rhoda his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to the said William Shrewsbury their guardian in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said John Shrewsbury and William Shrewsbury and Rhoda his wife who hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said Tommy Wright all the aforesaid tract of two hundred and six acres of land be the same more or less, bounded by the lands of John Wright, William McGeorge, Milliner Haynes Matthew Wright, Anthony Wright David Carner and the said Tommy Wright and a more particular description of the metes and bounds of the same referance is made to the aforesaid allotment of record as aforesaid. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land with its appurtenances unto the said Tommy Wright his heirs and assigns forever And the said John Shrewsbury and William Shrewsbury and Rhoda his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of land with its appurtenances unto the said Tommy Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of them the said John Shrewsbury and William Shrewsbury and Rhoda his wife their heirs, exors & admrs and all persons claiming under them. In Witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and year above written

Teste	)	John Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate	)	William Shrewsbury
as to John Shrewsbury	)	Rhoda Shrewsbury
John Pate as to do	)	
Peter M Wright as to do	)	

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of November 1824. This Indenture of bargain and sale between John Shrewsbury &c of the one part and Tommy Wright of the other part was proved by the oaths of Matthew Pate. John Pate and Peter M Wright as to John Shrewsbury and as to him ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe CBC

Kenawha County Sct.

We Joel Shrewsbury & Andrew Parke Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that William Shrewsbury of Kanawha County party to the foregoing deed of bargain & sale bearing date the 6th day of Septr. 1824 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the Court of Bedford County that it may be recorded therein. As Witness our hands & seals this 17th day of May 1825.

Joel Shrewsbury
Andrew Parke

Bedford County To Witt, We Lawrence McGeorge and William Shrewsbury Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Rhoda Shrewsbury wife of William Shrewsbury of Kenawha County parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to Tommy Wright bearing date on the 6th day of September 1824 thereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being privily examined by us, apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Rhoda Shrewsbury acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she has willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wishes not to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this 23d day of March 1825.

Lawrence McGeorge
Wm. Shrewsbury

The deed to which the foregoing certificates are annexed recorded in this book page 154 as to one party

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of October 1825. The foregoing certificate of the acknowledgement of William Shrewsbury and the relinquishment of the dower of Rhoda Shrewsbury the wife of the said William Shrewsbury parties to a conveyance of real estate to Tommy Wright (which has heretofore been recorded as to John Shrewsbury also a party thereto) was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Jas. Steptoe C.B.C."

On March 23, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/276 Rhoda Shrewsbury relinquished her dower interest in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 19/53:

"Kenawha County Sct.

We Joel Shrewsbury & Andrew Parke Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that William Shrewsbury of Kenawha County party to the foregoing deed of bargain & Sale bearing date the 6th day of Septr 1824 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the Court of Bedford County that it may be recorded therein. As Witness our hands & seals this 17th day of May 1825.

Joel Shrewsbury
Andrew Parke

Bedford County to Witt, We Lawrence McGeorge and William Shrewsbury Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Rhoda Shrewsbury wife of William Shrewsbury of Kenawha County parties to a certain Deed for the conveyance of real estate to Tommy Wright bearing date on the 6th day of September 1824 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being privaly examined by us, apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Rhoda Shrewsbury acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she had willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this 23d day of March 1825.

Lawrence McGeorge
W. Shrewsbury

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Teste
Jo Steptoe C.B.C."

On October 22, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/279 Tommey and Synthia (Mayse) Wright sold to John Wright the 206 acres of land purchased by Deed 19/53:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 22d day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, between Tommy Wright and his wife Cynthia of the County of Bedford of the one part, and John Wright of the County aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these doth bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land Situate in the County aforesaid and lying on the branches of Beaver dam Creek containing one hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, it being part of a tract of two hundred and six acres conveyed by John & Rhoda Shrewsbury to said Tommy Wright by deed bearing date the 6th day of September 1824 and bounded as follows Viz: Beginning at a large rock near a branch, thence a new line N. 54-1/2 E. 53 poles to a stake & gum in said John Wrights own line, thence along his line N. 29 E. 26 poles to a stake on a branch, thence N. 41-1/2º. W 38 poles to a stake on the road, thence along the road N. 73-1/2º. W. 12 poles & N. 22 W. 38 poles, N. 44-1/2 W. 16 poles N. 68-1/2 W. 20-1/4 poles to a pine in Haynes Line, thence along his lines S. 10º. E. 37 poles to a white oak on a branch thence S. 85-1/2 W. 68 poles to a stake S. 57-1/4 W. at 150 poles passing Haynes's corner on a branch the same course continued along Matthew Wrights line in all 160 poles to pointers, thence along Anthony Wrights line S. 13 E. 62 poles to a stake in said line near a branch thence a new line W. 75-1/2 E. 210 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals the day and date first above written.

Tommy Wright

Cynthia her X mark Wright

Bedford County to Witt, We William Shrewsbury and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Cynthia Wright wife of Tommy Wright parties to a certain deed for the

conveyance of real estate to John Wright bearing date the 22d. day of October 1825 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged to be her act and deed and declared that she willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22d. day of October 1825.

William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of October 1825. This Indenture of bargain and sale between Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife of the one part and John Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said Tommy Wright certified as to his wife & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

On January 23, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 20/179 Tommey Wright was ordered to allot hands for road repair from Hunt's Mill to the Staunton River:

"Ord. that Wm Noble be appd Sur. rd from Wilkin J. Hunts mill to Staunton at Jno. Jeters (new rd) & that Wilkins J. Hunt Tommy Wright Joshua Noble & Robt Nemo or any two do allot the hands"

On January 31, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 20/191 Tommey Wright was ordered to settle the account of the estate of Johnson James:

"Ord. that John Pate Wilkins J. Hunt Matthew Pate Tommy Wright & Matthew Wright or any three, do settle the account Current of the Estate of the heirs of Johnson James Dec with Isaac James their guardian & report to Court"

On June 1, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/143 Tommey Wright was appointed overseer of the poor:

"Tommy Wright qualified as overseer of the poor according to Law"

On July 10, 1829, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/113 Tommy Wright, as commissioner, sold 27 acres of land which was part of the estate of John Franklin to William Dickinson, Sr.

In April 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/87 Tommey Wright was appointed overseer of the poor:

> "Charles Gill & Tommy Wright, Qualified as Overseers of the poor for this County according to law"

There was no listing of Tommey Wright in the 1830 Census as the head of a household. However, there was a listing in the 1830 Census for Joel Wright, one of the sons named in the agreement, which included a male aged 60 to 70 years and a female aged 60 to 70 years who were probably Tommey and his wife Synthia. This listing would place their births between 1760 and 1770.

From the above tax lists and census records, the conclusion seems fair that Tommey Wright was born probably in about 1763 or between 1760 and 1764 and that his wife Synthia (Mayse) Wright was born between 1765 and 1770.

DAR Application #417218 listed Tommey Wright's birth date as c. 1763. The source reference given was DAR Application #181551. Application #181551 repeated the same information and gave as its source Application #149149. Application #149149 was summarized in the DAR Lineage Book, Vol. 149, p.50 for Mrs. Lois Hatcher Simpson, but no reference to Tommey Wright was given and no sources listed.

Since Tommey Wright's father John Wright owned in Bedford County during the period between 1762 and 1770 only the land acquired by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/83, the place of birth of Tommey would have been probably at the family house located on that land in Bedford County. 1795 James Mayse did not purchase land in Bedford County until 1776 when by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 5/453 dated June 24, 1776, he purchased 130 acres on Cate's Creek and, therefore, the birthplace of Synthia (Mayse) Wright must remain unknown at this time.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Tommy Wright	1		2	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	.12

In April 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/501 Tommey Wright was ordered to show cause why the indenture of Alfred Pierce should not be rescinded:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright, Tommy Wright & Charles Pill(?) be summoned to appear at the next Court to shew cause if any they can why the indentures binding Alfred Pierce to the said Joel Wright should not be rescinded."

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning Property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Tommy Wright		1	1

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
			.06

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thommy Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Thommy Wright	1		1

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts&c
	Tommy Wright	1		1

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Tommy Wright	1		1

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	.06

In April 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/216 Tommey Wright qualified as overseer of the poor:

> "Tommy Wright and William Mead who have been elected Overseers of the poor in this County, came into Court and qualified as such, as the law directs."

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses&c
	Tommy Wright	1		1

Studs Carriages &c	Tax $ Cts
	.06

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
May 15	Tommy Wright	1		1

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
	.08

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Apl 3rd	Tommy Wright	1		1

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.08

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Mch 25	Tommy Wright	1		1

Carriages &c _____	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ _____ Cts
		.08

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Tommey Wright, but did list Joel Wright with one male aged 70 to 80, one female aged 70 to 80, and one female aged 80 to 90. The male and female aged 70 to 80 were almost certainly Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright, indicating dates of birth between 1760 and 1770 for each. The female aged 80 to 90 was Tommey Wright's mother Elizabeth (Pate) Wright.

In July 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/101 Tommey Wright resigned as overseer of the poor and his son Joel Wright was in his place:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Overseer of the Poor in the room of Tommy Wright resigned."

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mar 26th	Tommy Wright	1		1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.12½

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Apl 5	Tommy Wright	1		1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
	.12½	

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
	Tommy Wright	1		1	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	Tommy Wright	1			

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians& surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest& profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit
		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents		
___	___			

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Tommy Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.10

On November 19, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 the 1824 Support Agreement was amended to prevent Bannister Meador, daughter Betsy's second husband, from taking the money meant for Betsy's children by her first marriage to William Woodcock:

> "Whereas by a covenant and agreement entered into between us (Tommy & Scinthia Wright) and James Wright Joel Wright & Jubal Wright (children of us the said Tommy and Scinthia Wright) bearing date on the 24th January 1824 provision was made by which the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubal Wright was to pay to our daughter Betsy (who had intermarried with a William Woodcock & who had departed this life previous to the date of the above mentioned covenants and agreements) the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid after the death of us the said Tommy & Sinthia and which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. The said Betsy, widow of said William Woodcock having married again to a certain Bannister Meador and having Some children by him it appears from information derived from undoubted authority that it is the intention of the said Bannister Meador to exclude the above named 3 children of William Woodcock & Betsy & his wife from all benefits arising out of the fund provided for them in the covenant and agreement aforesaid should it when paid go into his hands and thus defeat the true intent and object wich we had in view in making the provision aforesaid - As a proof of the correctness of our information in regard to the intention & determination of the said Bannister Meador in the premises we will here take occasion to state the fact that the appropriation made by Government of the sum of hundred dollars for the education of the three children before named of William Woodcock (who lost his life in the Service of his country) has been applied solely by the said Bannister Meadors to his own individual purposes and thus defeat the object of the appropriation to the injury of those it was intended to benefit. Now therefore with a view of carrying into effect our original design and intention and to prevent the misapplication of the two hundred dollars stipulated to be paid by the aforesaid James Wright, Joel Wright, Jubal Wright, after our

death to the said Betsy Meadors we do by these presents direct and require the said James Wright & Joel Wright the surviving parties of the second part in the covenant and agreement before mentioned after our decease to pay the said two hundred dollars to the aforesaid Scinthia, Polly & Green Berry Woodcock the children of the said William Woodcock deceased and to no other person or persons whatsoever & for their own exclusive benefit & use forever - hereby correcting and revoking the authority in said covenant & agreement to the said James Joel & Jubal Wright to pay the same to Betsy Meadors, - In witness whereof we the said Tommy & Scinthia Wright have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals this 19th day of November 1845

Witness
John Q A Wright,
Robt W S Wright,

Tommy his X mark Wright

Syntha her X mark Wright

Bedford Clerks Office November 24th 1845

This agreement between Wright & Wright was produced in the office proven by the oath of John Q. A. Wright, a subscribing witness. And at a court held for Bedford County March 23" 1846 the Same was further proven by the oath of Robert W S Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno W Steptoe CBC"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Tommy Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
	.10	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Tommy Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

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The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Tommy Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

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The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommy Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Tommy Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

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There was no probate proceeding in Bedford County for Tommey Wright or for Synthia (Mayse) Wright, probably because the disposition of their property had been handled in the 1824 Support Agreement at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318.

DAR Application #417218 listed Tommey Wright's date of death as July 14, 1850, and Synthia (Mayse) Wright's date of death as in 1847. As with the birth date of Tommey, the source reference for this information is uncertain.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright were the following:

1) John Wright, born probably between August 18, 1787, and March 26, 1788, probably at Bedford County, Virignia,

2) Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador, born about 1790 or probably before 1792 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mayse, born July 19, 1790, or about 1791 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) James Wright, born on April 13, 1792, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Joel Wright, born on March 25, 1799, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Jubel Wright, born probably between April 13 and May 23, 1802, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

7) Nancy (Wright) Chapman, born about 1806 or February 21, 1807 probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

a. John Wright

John Wright was a son of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

As set forth above in connection with 1850 Tommy Wright, the 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with only one white male over the age of 16 on August 18. The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with two white males over age 16 on March 26. As will be set forth below, John Wright was probably the oldest son and was, therefore, probably born between August 18, 1787, and March 26, 1788.

The 1810 Census listed a Thomas Wright, and I believe this should be Tommey Wright, with 1 male 45+, 1 male 16-26, and 2 males 0-10. From other evidence set forth below, it will be seen that James Wright was born about 1793 and Joel Wright in 1797 or 1799. If John was the oldest child and the 1810 Census was for Tommey Wright, then John's date of birth would be probably between 1784 and 1794. From

other evidence set forth below, it will also be seen that Elizabeth was born in about 1770 or before 1792, indicating that John was probably born between 1785, the date of marriage, and 1790.

In June 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/495 John Wright and James Wright were granted a license to keep an ordinary at their house:

> "On the mo. of John & James Wright - Licence is granted them to keep an ordinary at their house for Six months hence who gave bond & Secy. accordingly"

John Wright was identified as a son of Tommey Wright and Synthia Wright in the Support Agreement at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 dated January 24, 1824:

> ". . . . And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia Currency . . . ."

This record indicates that John Wright was still alive on January 24, 1824, but no further record has yet been found for him.

b. <u>Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador, Her Husbands William Woodcock And Bannister Meador, And Her Descendants</u>

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador was a daughter of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth Wright and William Woodcock was dated on November 17, 1807, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Tommey Wright as surety:

> "Know all men by these presents that We William Woodcock & Tommy Wright are held & firmly bound unto Wm H Cabell Esqr governor or chief magistrate of this ComWealth in the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars Virga Currency - to which paymt we bind ourselves & each us firmly by these presents Sealed & dated this 17 day of Novem 1807
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound William

Woodcock & Elizabeth Wright now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Teste William Woodcock
Tommy Wright"

If Elizabeth Wright was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1792. Since Tommey Wright was residing in Bedford County at the time of her birth, her place of birth was probably in Bedford County, Virginia.

There was no listing in the Index to the 1810 Census for Bedford or Franklin Counties, Virginia, for a William Woodcock.

The Agreement dated January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 identified Betsy Meador as a child of 1850 Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright:

". . . . And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia Currency . . . ."

The Agreement dated November 19, 1845, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 referred to William Woodcock as Betsy's first husband and the three children of that marriage as Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock, and Green Berry Woodcock:

"Whereas by a covenant and agreement entered into between us (Tommy & Scinthia Wright) and James Wright Joel Wright & Jubal Wright (children of us the said Tommy and Scinthia Wright) bearing date on the 24th January 1824 provision was made by which the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubal Wright was to pay to our daughter Betsy (who had intermarried with a William Woodcock & who had departed this life previous to the date of the above mentioned covenants and agreements) the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid after the death of us the said Tommy & Sinthia and which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. The said Betsy, widow of said

William Woodcock having married again to a certain Bannister Meador and having Some children by him it appears from information derived from undoubted authority that it is the intention of the said Bannister Meador to exclude the above named 3 children of William Woodcock & Betsy & his wife from all benefits arising out of the fund provided for them in the covenant and agreement aforesaid should it when paid go into his hands and thus defeat the true intent and object wich we had in view in making the provision aforesaid - As a proof of the correctness of our information in regard to the intention & determination of the said Bannister Meador in the premises we will here take occasion to state the fact that the appropriation made by Government of the sum of hundred dollars for the education of the three children before named of William Woodcock (who lost his life in the Service of his country) has been applied solely by the said Bannister Meadors to his own individual purposes and thus defeat the object of the appropriation to the injury of those it was intended to benefit. Now therefore with a view of carrying into effect our original design and intention and to prevent the misapplication of the two hundred dollars stipulated to be paid by the aforesaid James Wright, Joel Wright, Jubal Wright, after our death to the said Betsy Meadors we do by these presents direct and require the said James Wright & Joel Wright the surviving parties of the second part in the covenant and agreement before mentioned after our decease to pay the said two hundred dollars to the aforesaid Scinthia, Polly & Green Berry Woodcock the children of the said William Woodcock deceased and to no other person or persons whatsoever & for their own exclusive benefit & use forever - hereby correcting and revoking the authority in said covenant & agreement to the said James Joel & Jubal Wright to pay the same to Betsy Meadors, - In witness whereof we the said Tommy & Scinthia Wright have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals this 19th day of November 1845

Witness		his	
John Q A Wright,	Tommy	X	Wright
Robt W S Wright,		mark	
		her	
	Syntha	X	Wright
		mark	

Bedford Clerks Office November 24th 1845

This agreement between Wright & Wright was produced in the office proven by the oath of John Q. A. Wright, a subscribing witness. And at a court held for Bedford County March 23" 1846 the Same was further proven by the oath of Robert W S Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno W Steptoe CBC"

This record indicates that William Woodcock's death occurred in the service of his country and gives the date of their marriage and the number of children, indicating that he probably died during service in the War of 1812 and probably in 1814 or 1815 when the Bedford County militia was called out for service. This record also establishes that after the death of her first husband, Elizabeth (Wright) Woodcock married Bannister Meador and had children by him.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which listed the children of Elizabeth (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and Bannister Meador as follows:

(1) Joel W. Meador, born April 19, 1845 at Tennessee, and

(2) Unnamed daughter, born between 1825 and 1830 at Tennessee.

The Support Agreement recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 was dated January 24, 1824, and referred to Betsy Meador as if she were then living and granted her a gift of $200 after the death of Tommey and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. But the Agreement recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 dated November 19, 1845, amending the Support Agreement stated that:

> ". . . . our daughter Betsy (who had intermarried with a William Woodcock & who had departed this life previous to the date of the above mentioned covenants and agreements) . . . ."

This might be read to indicate that Betsy had died prior to November 19, 1845, but that would also suggest that she had died before January 24, 1824, the date of the original agreement. Hinshaw does list the issuance of a marriage bond for Bannister Meador and Miriam King on July 28, 1828, with William Greenwood as surety and if this were the same Bannister Meador who married Betsy Woodcock, Betsy would presumably have died prior to July 28, 1828.

However, in his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador stated that Bannister Meador and his wife Elizabeth were listed in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 Census of Macon County, Tennessee.

The apparent discrepancy between the support agreement and the census may be explained by a second marriage of Bannister Meador to another wife named Elizabeth. On the other hand, the second "who" reference in the portion of the agreement dated November 19, 1845, which reads "Betsy (who had intermarried with a William Woodcock & who had departed this life previous, to the date of the above mentioned covenants and agreements)" is probably referring to William Woodcock rather than Betsy. This would then be consistent with Betsy surviving beyond 1845 and being the Elizabeth listed in the censuses of 1850, 1860, and 1870 of Macon County, Tennessee.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Elizabeth "Betsey" (Wright) (Woodcock) Mayse and William Woodcock were the following:

1) Scinthia Woodcock, born probably between 1807 and 1815,
2) Mary "Polly" Woodcock, born probably between 1807 and 1815, and
3) Green Berry Woodcock, born probably between 1807 and 1815.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Elizabeth "Betsey" (Wright) (Woodcock) Mayse and Bannister Meador were the following:

1) Joel W. Meador, born on April 19, 1845 (1825?), at Tennessee, and
2) _____ Meador, a daughter, born between 1825 and 1830 at Tennessee.

i. Scinthia Woodcock

Scinthia Woodcock was a daughter of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and William Woodcock. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Elizabeth[4])

The Agreement dated November 19, 1845, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 identified Scinthia Woodcock as a daughter of Betsy (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock:

> ". . . . which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the

only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. . . ."

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Cynthia Wright was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock and resided in 1842 in Mason County, Tennessee.

ii. Mary "Polly" Woodcock

Mary "Polly" Woodcock was a daughter of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and William Woodcock. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Elizabeth[4])

The Agreement dated November 19, 1845, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 identified Polly Woodcock as a daughter of Betsy (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock:

". . . . which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. . . ."

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary "Polly" Wright was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock and resided in 1842 in Mason County, Tennessee.

iii. Green Berry Woodcock

Green Berry Woodcock was a son of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and William Woodcock. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Elizabeth[4])

The Agreement dated November 19, 1845, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 identified Green Berry Woodcock as a child of Betsy (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock:

". . . . which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. . . ."

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Green Berry Wright was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Woodcock and William Woodcock and resided in 1842 in Mason County, Tennessee.

iv. Joel W. Meador And His Wife Martha Jane "Patsy" (Walton) Meador

Joel W. Meador was a son of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and Bannister Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Joel W. Meador was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and Bannister Meador, was born on April 19, 1845 (1825?), at Tennessee, married Martha Jane "Patsy" Walton, and died in 1873 or 1874 at Tennessee and that Martha Jane "Patsy" (Walton) Meador was born on November 6, 1826, at Tennessee, and died after 1880 in Tennessee.

v. _____ Meador

_____ Meador was a daughter of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and Bannister Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that ____ Meador was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) (Woodcock) Meador and Bannister Meador, was born between 1825 and 1830 at Tennessee, and resided in the Bannister Meador household in 1830 and 1840 at Smith County, now Macon County, Tennessee.

c. Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mayse, Her Husband Ballenger Mayse, And Her Descendants

Mary “Polly” (Wright) Mayse was a daughter of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

The marriage bond of Polly Wright and Ballenger Mayse was dated on December 21, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Tommey Wright as surety:

"Know all Men by these Presents that we Balleng - Mayse & Tommy Wright are held & firmly bound unto Geo. Wm Smith Governor of the comWealth of Virginia in the Sum of $150 Va Currency for the true paymt of which to the said Governor or his Successors We bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our heirs Exors &c firmly by these presents Sealed & Dated this 21 Dec 1811

The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Ballenger Mayse & Polly Wright Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above Obligation to be Void Else remain in full force &c

Teste Ballenger Mayse
Tommey Wright"

If Polly Wright was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be before 1796. Since her father was residing in Bedford County at that time, her place of birth would be probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The Agreement dated January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 listed Polly Mayse as a daughter of 1850 Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright:

". . . . And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia Currency . . . ."

On June 14, 1824, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/36 Ballenger Mayse and Polly Mayse executed a deed of trust to Joel Wright to secure James Wright as surety on two bonds:

"This Indenture made the 14 day of June in the year 1824 Between Ballenger Mayse & Polly Mayse his wife of the county of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the one part & Joel Wright of said county & State of the other part Witnesseth that the said Ballenger Mayse and Polly his wife in order to secure and save harmless James Wright from the payment of of Two Bonds executed By the said Ballenger Mayse to David J William Kye Surviving partner of Kyles & Mayse in which said Two bonds the said James Wright is bound as the Security of the said Ballenger Mayse the first of said bonds bears date September the 26 1823 & falls due on the 1st day of April 1824 & is for the sum of Two hundred and thirty five dollars & ninety nine cents and the Second Bond bears the same date with the first & becomes due on the first day of April in the year 1825 and for the

sum of Two hundred & forty nine Dollars & Seventy three cents and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to them in hand paid by the said Joel Wright at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged They the said Ballenger Mayse & Polly his wife hath granted bargained & Sold and by these presents doth Grant bargain & Sell unto the said Joel Wright Two houses & lots in the Town of Salem & in the county of Botetourt Lying on the south side of main Street. The first of which is the house and Lot now occupyed by Branson Dunnington & numbered in the plan of said Town 68 & is said to contain one quarter of an acre The second is the Brick house & lot last in the occupancy of Powel Huff & numbered in the plan of said Town 69 and is also called one quarter of an acre the said Two lots lay adjoining each other and the reversion and reversions, remainder & remainders yearly & other rents issues & profits thereof and of every part & parcell thereof & also all the Estate, right, title, Interest Trust property, claim & demands whatsoever both at law & in equity of them The said Ballinger Mayse & Polly his wife in to or out of the said lands Tenement hereditaments and premises to have and to hold the said Two houses & lots herein before mentioned to be hereby Granted with their and Every of their appurtinances unto the said Joel Wright his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns, forever, upon Trust nevertheless that the said Joel Wright shall as soon as he conveniently can or as soon as he may be directed by the said James Wright, for whose benefit this Trust is executed, after a suite or Suites is brought by the said Kyles against the said Mayse & James Wright his Security upon the said Two bonds herein alluded to or either of them but shall not before That event takes place after having advertised the time & place of The sale of the property before mentioned in some publick newspaper publised nearest to the residence of the said Ballinger Mayse & also dvertising it in the said Town of Salem at some publick place therein for at least four weeks; proceed to sell the same to the highest bidder for the best price that can be obtained & out of the money arrising from the sale in the first place to pay & satisfy all reasonable charges attending such Sale & then the debts above mentioned Together with the Interest and all cost which may have accrued upon them and the residue of the monies arising from such Sale as aforesaid to the use of The said Ballinger Mayse his Executors administrators or assigns or Such person or persons as he by wrighting under his hand may appoint and in default of such appointment to such person or persons as would Be thereto entitled by Virtue of the Statute for distribution of intestates Estates and it is further agreed upon that the trusts hereby declared shall cease on the payments of the debts with Interest & Cost to receive which the property was conveyed In Winess whereof We have hereunto set our hands & seals this said 14" day of June in the year 1824

Signed sealed & acknowl-) Ballinger Mayse
edged In the presence of) Joel Wright

Botetourt County to wit

We William McDermed & E McClanahan magistrates of the said County do hereby Certify that Ballinger Mayse party to the Within conveyance hath duly acknowledged the same before us on the 14th day of June in the year 1824 & desired us to certify the same acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of Botetourt in order that the said conveyance may be recorded

William McDermed
Elij McClanahan

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 25th June 1824

This deed of Trust together with the certificate of acknowledgements thereon Written was this day Exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Test
H W Bowyer D.C."

On April 23, 1824, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/43 Ballenger Mayse executed a deed of trust to Peter M. Wright to secure a debt due to Mathew Wright:

"This Indenture made this 23d day of April in the year 1824 between Ballenger Mayse of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the one part and Peter M Wright of the county of Bedford and State aforesaid of The other part Witnesseth, that the said Ballenger Mayse in order to Secure the payment of a debt which he Justly ows to Mathew Wright of the County of Bedford due by bond executed to the said Wright By the said Mayse for the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars payable on the first day of October 1822 and dated the 17" day of July 1821 and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Peter M Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Ballenger Mayse hath Granted Bargained and sold and by these presents doth Grant bargain and Sell unto the said Peter M. Wright the house and lott which he Owns in the Town of Salem in the County of Botetourt being the Said house and lot which is now occupyed and lived in by Branson Dunnington containing four poles in front and Sixteen and a half poles back and numbered in the plan of said Town and laying on the south side of the main Street and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issues and profits thereof and every part and parcell thereof and also all the estate right title Interest, trust property, claim and demand whatsoever both at law and in equity of him the said Ballenger Mayse unto or out of the said lot of land tenements hereditaments and premises To have and to hold the said lot of land as heretofore described and intended to be hereby Granted with all and every of its appurtenances unto the said Peter M.

Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever upon Trust nevertheless that the said Peter M. Wright shall as soon as he can, or so soon as he may be required so to do after the first day of March next, after having advertised the Time and place of the sale of the property before mentioned for at Least Twenty days at the Courthouse of the County of Botetourt and in the Town of Salem where the said lot lays proceed to sell the same to the highest bidder for the best price that can be obtained and out of the monies arising from the sale in the First place to pay and satisfy all reasonable charges attending such sale and then the debt and interest hereon mentioned, and the residue of the monies arising from such sale as aforesaid, to the use of the said Ballenger Mayse his Executors, Administrators or assigns or to such person or persons as he by wrighting under his hand shall appoint and in default of such appointments to such person or persons as would be thereto entitled by virtue of law Witness our hands and Seals this said 23d day of April in the year 1824.

Test
Elij McClanahan
(as to B. Mayse)

Ballenger Mayse
Peter M. Wright

Botetourt County to Wit,

We E McClanahan and William McDermed Justices of the peace in the county of Botetourt, and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Ballenger Mayse a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 23d day of April in the year 1824 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in Order that the said trust deed may be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 23d day of April 1824

E McClanahan
William McDermed

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 24" April 1824.

This deed together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon written was this day exhibited in said office and thereupon admitted to record

Teste
H W Bowyer D.C"

On February 26, 1825, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/476 Polly Mayse joined Joel Wright in selling two lots of land in Salem to James Wright:

"This Indenture made this 26th day of Febuary in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & twenty five Between Joel Wright of the County of Bedford & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse of the County of Botetourt of the one part & James Wright & Mathew Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that Whereas Ballenger Mayse of the County of Botetourt did on the 14th day of june 1824 convey in trust to the said Joel Wright then of the said County of Botetourt two Lotts & Houses in the Town of Salem in the County of Botetourt two Lotts & Houses in the Town of Salem in the County of Botetourt by deed duly proved & recorded in the Clerks office of the Court of the Court of the Said County of Botetourt which said Deed was not signed by the said Polly Mayse the wife of the said Ballenger Mayse nor did she relinquish her dower in the two Lots aforesaid the first of which was the house & Lott then Occupyd by Branson Dunington and numbered in the plan of said Town 68 the Second was the brick house & Lott last in the occupancy of Powell Huff & Numbered in the plann of said town 69 and Each of said Lotts is Said to Contain one quarter of an acre & adjoining Each other & the said Joel Wright having agreeably to the provisions of the aforesaid Trust Deed advertised & Sold the aforesaid two Lotts and houses to the highest bidder & the said James Wright & Mathew Wright being the highest bidders the aforesaid two Lotts & houses were cryed out to them at the price of $300 Viz to James Wright three fifths of the aforesaid two Lotts & houses & Mathew Wright the two remaining fifths of the same Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of said Ballenger Mayse for and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of $300 to them in hand paid Viz 180 Dollars by James Wright and $120 by Mathew Wright the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse hath granted bargained & Sold & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell deliver & Confirm unto the Said James Wright three fifths of the aforesaid two houses & Lotts in the aforesaid Town of Salem and to the Said Mathew Wright the remaining two fifths of the Aforesaid two Lots & houses in the Town aforesaid Each Lott Containing one quarter of an acre of Ground & Numbered in the Plan of Said Town 68 & 69 adjoining Each other To have & to hold unto the Said James Wright his heirs & assigns forever three fifths of the aforesaid two Lots & houses With all the appurtenances to the Same belonging, & to the Said Mathew Wright his heirs & assigns forever two fifths of the aforesaid two Lots & Houses With all the appurtenances to the same belonging & the Said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse for themselves & their heirs doth covenant & agree to forever Warrant & Defend all the right Title & Interest & claim which they or Either of them have in & to the aforesaid two Lotts & houses in the Town aforesaid unto the said James Wright & Mathew Wright their heirs & assigns forever in proportion as above mentioned against the claims & Demands of them the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse and Persons claiming under or through them & none other In Witness Whereof the said Joel Wright &

Polly Mayse hath hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & year first herein before Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Joel Wright
her
Polly X Mayse
mark

Botetourt County to wit;

We John Pate & George Bright justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Polly Mayse the Wife of Ballenger Mayse party to a certain Deed bearing date on the 26th day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband & having the Deed aforesaid fully Explained to her She the Said Polly Mayse acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed and declared that She had Willingly Signed Sealed & Delivered the Same and that She wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 27th day of August 1825

John Pate
George Bright

Botetourt County Court Clerks Office 10th October 1825 This deed together with the Certificates &c thereon Written was this day Exhibited in said office & admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer D.C

Botetourt County to wit

We William McDermed & George Bright justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Joel Wright partie to a certain deed bearing date on the 26th day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & Deed & Desired us to Certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court aforesaid in order that the Said Deed may be recorded Given under our hands & Seals this 21st day of Septr 1825

Wm McDermed
George Bright"

On February 26, 1825, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/482 Peter M. Wright released and reconveyed to Ballenger Mayse the deed of trust executed on April 25, 1824:

"This Indenture made this 26th day of Febuary in the year 1825 Between Peter M Wright of County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part & Ballenger Mayse of Botetourt County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Peter M Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the Said Ballenger Mayse and in Obedience to the Instruction of Mathew Wright he the said Peter M Wright hath released & by these presents doth release unto the said Ballenger Mayse all the right title Interest & claim Vested in him the said Peter M Wright by Virtue of a deed of Trust Executed by the said Ballenger Mayse on the 25th day of April 1824 for a Lott and House in the Town of Salem in the County of Botetourt then in the Occupancy of Branson Dunington Containing four poles in front & Sixteen & a half poles back & numbered in the plan of Said Town, To Secure a debt due from Said Mayse to Mathew Wright & Lying on the South Side of the main Street and the sd Peter M Wright for himself & heirs covenants & agrees to forever Warrant & Defend all the right title Interest & Claim Vested in him by Virtue of the aforesaid trust Deed unto the said Ballenger Mayse his heirs & assigns forever against the Claims of him the Said Peter M Wright his heirs & assigns & all persons claiming under or through him and none other. In Witness Whereof the said Peter M Wright hath hereunto set his hands & Seals the day & Year above written.

Thomas G Nimmo
John Nelson
Joel Wright

Peter M Wright

Botetourt County to Wit

We George Bright & William McDermed justices of Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Peter M Wright the partie to a certain Deed bearing date on the 26th day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the Same to be his act & Deed & Desired us to Certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the said deed may be recorded Given under our hands & Seals this 21st day of September 1825

George Bright
Wm McDermed

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 10th October 1825

This deed together with the Certificates &c thereon Written was this day Exhibited in said Office & admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer D.C"

On October 12, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6118, Ballenger Mayse filed a complaint against James Wright:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting we Command you that you Summon James Wright to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for Bedford County at rules to be held in the Clerks office thereof on the first monday in December next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him in said Court by Ballenger Mays

And unless he shall answer the said bill within two months thereafter the Court will take the same for Confessed and decree accordingly - And this he shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 - And have then there this Writ Witness Joseph Wilson Clerk of our said Court the 12th day of October 1840, in the 65th year of the Commonwealth

Jos Wilson

Executed 10th November 1840
John L Preston
DS for John L. Cobbs
SBC

1842 Decr Disd.
by order of plts counsel"

No further record of this case has as yet been found.

On October 11, 1861, at T. J. Bell Collection, Accession Number 21615, Manuscript Collection, Virginia State Library, James Matthew Wright wrote to his sister Louisa Frances Wright the following:

". . . . Peter and I started out of Camp about 9 Oclock on sunday morning to visit a Mrs. Mays sister to Cousin Joel and James Wright she lives about 2 miles from our camp we found her and her son Wm at home the only child she has with her they were well and very pert and lively we staid with them untill about 4 Oclock in the evening Fannie you ought to have seen us sit up to the table at dinner and eat we had not been to table to eat a meals, victuals for nearly four weeks and I

had scarcely eat anything for a week but on that day I eat Bacon and Cabbage Coffee with milk in it butter preserves milk &c &c . . . ."

Roanoke County, VA, Deaths, 1853-1880 by Marvin U. Neighbors stated that the death certificate of Mary Mays was dated in April 1868 at Roanoke County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Mary Mays
April 1868
Asthma Suffocation
Age: 77 Years
Parents: Thomas & Cynthia Wright
Consort: Balinger Mays
Born in Bedford County, Va.
Died on Back Creek, Roanoke County
Information furnished by John W. Mays - son"

Chalkley's Abstracts in Volume 2, page 150, listed a lawsuit at O.S. 179, N.S. 63 dated February 10, 1809, over the will of Robert Mays of Amherst County, Virginia, recorded July 18, 1808, with Ballenger Mayse named as a defendant and son of Robert and Susanna Mayse. There are numerous Mayse/Mays marriages listed in Amherst County Marriage Bonds and there may have been some connection between the Mayse/Mays families of Amherst County and the Mayse/Mays families of Bedford County.

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that Mary "Polly" Wright was born on July 19, 1790, at Amherst County, Virginia, married Ballenger Mays on December 21, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died after 1860, that Ballenger Mays was born about 1784 at Amherst County, Virginia, and died on March 16, 1860, at Augusta County, Virginia, and that Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays had the following children:

1) Joel Mays, born on May 5, 1817, at Botetourt County, Virginia,
2) James Mays, born in 1821,
3) Jubal Mays, born in 1823,
4) William Mays, born in 1826, and
5) Ann Mays, born in 1833.

In her email dated May 23, 2000, Maxine Mays stated that Ballenger Mays was a son of Robert Mays and Susannah (Wade) Mays, was born about 1784 at Augusta County, Virginia, married Mary Wright, and died on March 16, 1860, at Augusta County, Virginia, and that Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays had the following children:

1) James Mays, born in about 1821,

2) Jubal Mays, born in about 1823,

3) William Mays, born in about 1826, and

4) Ann Mays, born in about 1833.

i. Joel Mays, His Wives Rebecca Jane (Kessler) Mays And Sarah (Hinkley) Mays, And His Descendants

Joel Mays was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that Joel Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays, was born on May 5, 1817, at Botetourt County, Virginia, married fist Rebecca Jane Kessler on October 6, 1842, at Boteotourt County, Virginia, married second Sarah Hinkley, and died on December 16, 1887, at Nicholas County, West Virginia, that Rebecca Jane (Kessler) Mays was born on March 16, 1824, at Boteoturt County, Virginia, and died after 1860 at Nicholas County, West Virginia, and that Joel Mays and Rebecca Jane (Kessler) Mays had the following children:

1) Jubal A. "Hiram" "Sieb" Mays, born on October 14, 1843, at Botetourt County, Virginia,

2) Amanda Jane Mays, born on December 10, 1845, at Botetourt County, Virginia,

3) James Christoper Mays, born on November 19, 1847, at Botetourt County, Virginia,

4) Anna A. Mays, born in about 1849 at Botetourt County, Virginia,

5) Sarah Haseltine (Mays) Van Bibber, born on September 4, 1849, at Botetourt County, Virginia,

6) William H. Mays, born in 1852,

7) Mary A. C. Mays, born in 1854,

8) Joel Mays, Jr., born in 1857, and

9) Emily Elizabeth Greenwood Butt (Mays) Neff, born on March 23, 1859, at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

and that Joel Mays and Sarah (Hinkley) Mays had the following children:

1) Rebecca Martha (Mays) Backus, born on February 5, 1866, at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

2) Rufus Edgar Mays, born on June 26, 1868, at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

3) Cordelia Susan (Mays) Ellison, born in 1869 or 1870 at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

4) Mary Arbella L. (Mays) Faulker, born on April 7, 1872, at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

5) Houston Elbert Mays, born on August 29, 1874, at Nicholas County, West Virginia,

6) Ira B. Mays, born on Mays 3, 1876, at Nicholas County, West Virginia, and

7) Otis Elmer Mays, born on January 24, 1879, at Nicholas County, West Virginia.

ii. James Mays

James Mays was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that James Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in 1821.

In her email dated May 23, 2000, Maxine Mays stated that James Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in about 1821.

iii. Jubal Mays

Jubal Mays was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that Jubal Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in 1823.

In her email dated May 23, 2000, Maxine Mays stated that Jubal Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in about 1823.

iv. William Mays

William Mays was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

On October 11, 1861, at T. J. Bell Collection, Accession Number 21615, Manuscript Collection, Virginia State Library, James Matthew Wright wrote to his sister Louisa Frances Wright the following:

> ". . . . Peter and I started out of Camp about 9 Oclock on sunday morning to visit a Mrs. Mays sister to Cousin Joel and James Wright she lives about 2 miles from our camp we found her and her son Wm at home the only child she has with her they were well and very pert and lively we staid with them untill about 4 Oclock in the evening Fannie you ought to have seen us sit up to the table at dinner and eat we had not been to table to eat a meals, victuals for nearly four weeks and I had scarcely eat anything for a week but on that day I eat Bacon and Cabbage Coffee with milk in it butter preserves milk &c &c . . . ."

This record identifies William Mays as a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays.

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that William Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in 1826.

In her email dated May 23, 2000, Maxine Mays stated that William Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in about 1826.

v. Ann Mays

Ann Mays was a daughter of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated July 31, 1998, Geri Ellerbock stated that Ann Mays was a son of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in 1833.

In her email dated May 23, 2000, Maxine Mays stated that Ann Mays was a daughter of Mary (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays and was born in about 1833.

vi. John Mays

John Mays was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Mays and Ballenger Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Mary[4])

The death certificate of Mary Mays, the wife of Balinger Mays, dated April 1868 at Roanoke County, Virginia, listed the informant as her son John Mays.

d. 1877 James Wright Of Franklin County, His Wives Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright And Judith P. (Wright) Wright, And His Descendants

1877 James Wright of Franklin County was a son of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright, Jr. with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
James Wright, Jr.	1			

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property
	1	

As set forth above, the Personal Property Tax Lists for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Tommey Wright with two males over 16 in 1813 but only one male over 16 in 1814, indicating the move from his household of a son. As will be set forth below, James Wright was born on April 13, 1792, and this record would be the first listing of him in the Personal Property Tax Lists after he had attained age 21. There was also a second

James Wright listed in the 1814 Bedford County Personal Property Tax List, but that was James Wright, the son of 1779 John Wright of Prince Edward County. Since that second James Wright was a much older man, 1877 James Wright was designated as "Jr."

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright Jr. with the following household on April 17:

		No. of white males above 16	Slaves between 9 & 12	Slaves above 12	Horses asses mules mares
Date	Names	yrs old	years old	years old	& Colts
Apl 17	James Wright, Jr.	1			1

Stud horses			Carriages			
No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	2 wheeled riding carriages	Phaetons & stage waggons	Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages

			Free male negroes	Watches		
Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	above 16 years old	Gold silver or pinchmark	Single Cased Gold	Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____	houses in the	Ice houses		Clocks		
sufficient for The accommodation of one horse	country exceeding in value$500	for private use	from which ice is sold	works of wood without case	works of wood in the case	works principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]			Printers & the	Furniture
of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	subscrip-tions annually to their papers	Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Dining Table or Separate __ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or _ of mahogany Ce_ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candle sticks __ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salverTankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts .21

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on May 25:

Date Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
May 25	James Wright	1		1		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceed-ing in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceed-ing value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceed-ing in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax .18

This was probably 1877 James Wright, since the property owned was the same as that listed in the 1815 Personal Property Tax List.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 26:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	$ Cts
Apl 26	James Wright	1				

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff

This was probably 1877 James Wright, since the only change from 1816 was the removal from the list of a horse.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

In June 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/495 James Wright and John Wright were granted a license to keep an ordinary at their house:

> "On the mo. of John & James Wright - Licence is granted them to keep an ordinary at their house for Six months hence who gave bond & Secy. accordingly"

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on March 22:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March 22	James Wright	1		1	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not exceeding in value $300	Exceeding in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						.18

This again was probably 1877 James Wright, since the property was the same as in 1816 and increased by one horse from 1817.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one James Wright, but this was James Wright, a free negro and son of Sylvie (____) (____) Wright, the non-wife of 1805 Thomas Wright of Campbell County.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 6	James Wright		1	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						.14

This again was probably 1877 James Wright, but the appearance and disappearance of the James Wright listing from the Personal Property Tax Lists makes the identification uncertain.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

The Agreement dated January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 identified James Wright as a son of 1850 Tommy Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright:

> "This Indenture made this 24th day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Tommy Wright and Syntha his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part, and James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein after mentioned, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver and confirm unto the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns all the estate real and personal of every description of which they are possessed, or entitled to in law or equity consisting of the tract of land whereon they now live adjoining the lanes of John Wright and others, containing four hundred acres more or less and fifty acres of land adjoining thereto a part of Greers tract purchased of William

Haynes for which a title has not yet been obtained, one negro girl slave named Silly, a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, & all the money due to the said Tommey Wright by bond note or open account. To have and to hold all the estate aforesaid real, and personal of every description with all and singular the appirtenances thereunto belonging, together with the rents, issues and profits of all and every part thereof unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever, and the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all the aforesaid estate real and personal Viz, Lands, slave, stock, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, all debts due by bond, note, or open a/c and all & every other estate real or personal to which they are or may be entitled to in law or equity against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever. In consideration of the aforesaid estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, the said James Wright, Joel Wright, and Jubel Wright bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally to provide at all times ample and comfortable support for the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife during each of their lives of articles of food, clothing and lodging in the houses they now dwell in, suitable to their age and condition, they also bind themselves to provide for their sister Nancy Wright a like ample and comfortable support who is to live in the houses aforesaid with her father & mother so long as she remains a single woman and they further bind themselves to find horses and saddles for the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife their father and mother to ride to meetings &c. during each of their lives, and also find a horse and saddle for their sister Nancy for the the like purposes, so long as she remains single and resides with her father and mother, they further bind themselves to pay to their sister Nancy Wright such sum of money as will make her equal in advance to those of the said Tommey Wrights children who have married and left him the payment to be made at such time as she may need or require the same to be done. And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia currency; for the true and faithful performance of the covenants and agreements aforesaid the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright, bind themselves their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally as aforesaid

In Witness whereof the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife of the one part & the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the other part, hath

hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein before written

Tommey Wright
Synthia X Wright
James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

Bedford County To Witt:

We William Shrewsbury and Lawrence McGeorge magistrates of said County do hereby Certify that Tommey Wright and Synthia Wright his wife parties to the annexed conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 24th January 1824 and desired us to certify the said conveyance to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded, and we do further certify that Synthia Wright wife of Tommey Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright, bearing date the 24th January 1824 and hereto annexed personally appeared before in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th January 1824

Wm. Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of May 1824. This Deed of Covenant was certified as to Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife by two justices of the peace and acknowledged by James, Joel & Jubal Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe CBC"

This record indicates that James Wright resided in Bedford County on January 24, 1824.

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James, Joel, and Jubal Wright with the following household on May 6:

	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
May 6	Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	3	8		2.37

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following household on May 6:

	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
May 6	James Wright	3	2		1.65

On June 10, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/103 James Wright transferred to Joel and Jubal Wright all of his interest in and obligations under the support agreement for his parents:

> "This Indenture made this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between James Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part and Joel Wright & Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth That whereas Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife in the early part of the present year entered into a deed of covenant with the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright by which deed the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife conveyed to the said James, Joel & Jubal all their real and personal estate therein mentioned which deed has been duly acknowledged, certified and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, and the said James Joel and Jubal in the same deed of covenant bound themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators to perform the covenants and agreements on their respective parts in the said deed mentioned and the said James Wright having sold to the said Joel Wright and Jubal Wright all his right, title, interest and claim in and to the real & personal estate conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife, And the said Joel & Jubal having undertaken and agreed to perform the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed mentioned and discharge the said James from the performance of the same or any part thereof. Now that Indenture Witnesseth that the said James Wright for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said James Wright hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver & confirm unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and claim which he hath in law or equity in and to

all the estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife by the aforesaid deed. To have and to hold unto the said Joel right and Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right, title interest and claim in law or equity of him the said James Wright in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever. And the said James Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all his right, title, interest and claim to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the deed aforesaid from the said Tommey Wright & Cynthia his wife unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of him the said James Wright his heirs, executors and administrators and against the claims and demand of all persons claiming under him, and the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright do by these presents bind themselves jointly and severally their and each of their heirs executors and administrators to perform all the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed of covenant mentioned and forever discharge and exonerate the said James Wright from the performance of the same or any part thereof In Witness whereof the parties hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first herein before first written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
Henry H. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of January 1825. This deed was acknowledged in Court by all the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ja. Steptoe Clk.B.C"

The Wills Of Amherst County, Virginia 1761-1865 stated that on August 16, 1824, at Amherst County, Virginia, W.B. 6/479 James Wright, Charles Mays, and William Day filed a guardian bond for James Wright as guardian of Eliza Ann Burford, orphan of John L. Burford.

The marriage bond of James Wright and Eliza Ann Burford was dated on August 16, 1824, at Amherst County, Virginia, with Charles Mays as surety.

"Know all men by these presents James Wright & Charles Mays are held and firmly bound unto James Pleasants Esqr. Governor of Virginia and to his successors in office for the use of the Commonwealth in the sum of $150 Current money of Virginia to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Exors and Admrs jointly severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of Augt 1824 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage intended shortly to be had and Solemnized between the above bound James Wright & Eliza Ann Burford

Now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct said Marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue.

B Davies D.C. James Wright

Charles his X mark" Mays

On February 26, 1825, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/476 James Wright and Matthew Wright purchased two lots in Salem, Virginia, from Joel Wright and Polly Mayse:

"This Indenture made this 26th day of Febuary in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & twenty five Betwen Joel Wright of the County of Bedford & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse of the County of Botetourt of the one part & James Wright & Mathew Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that Whereas Ballenger Mayse of the County of Botetourt did on the 14th day of june 1824 convey in trust to the said Joel Wright then of the said County of Botetourt two Lotts & Houses in the Town of Salem in the County of Botetourt by deed duly proved & recorded in the Clerks office of the Court of the Court of the Said County of Botetourt which said Deed was not signed by the said Polly Mayse the wife of the said Ballenger Mayse nor did she relinquish her dower in the two Lots aforesaid the first of which was the house & Lott then Occupyd by Branson Dunington and numbered in the plan of said Town 68 the Second was the brick house & Lott last in the occupancy of Powell Huff & Numbered in the plann of said town 69 and Each of said Lotts is Said to Contain one quarter of an acre & adjoining Each other & the said Joel Wright having agreeably to the provisions of the aforesaid Trust Deed advertised & Sold the aforesaid two Lotts and houses to the highest bidder & the said James Wright & Mathew Wright being the highest bidders the aforesaid two Lotts & houses were cryed out to them at the price of $300 Viz to James Wright three fifths of the aforesaid two Lotts & houses & Mathew Wright the two remaining fifths of the same Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of said Ballenger Mayse for and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of

$300 to them in hand paid Viz 180 Dollars by James Wright and $120 by Mathew Wright the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse hath granted bargained & Sold & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell deliver & Confirm unto the Said James Wright three fifths of the aforesaid two houses & Lotts in the aforesaid Town of Salem and to the Said Mathew Wright the remaining two fifths of the Aforesaid two Lots & houses in the Town aforesaid Each Lott Containing one quarter of an acre of Ground & Numbered in the Plan of Said Town 68 & 69 adjoining Each other To have & to hold unto the Said James Wright his heirs & assigns forever three fifths of the aforesaid two Lots & houses With all the appurtenances to the Same belonging, & to the Said Mathew Wright his heirs & assigns forever two fifths of the aforesaid two Lots & Houses With all the appurtenances to the same belonging & the Said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse for themselves & their heirs doth covenant & agree to forever Warrant & Defend all the right Title & Interest & claim which they or Either of them have in & to the aforesaid two Lotts & houses in the Town aforesaid unto the said James Wright & Mathew Wright their heirs & assigns forever in proportion as above mentioned against the claims & Demands of them the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse and Persons claiming under or through them & none other In Witness Whereof the said Joel Wright & Polly Mayse hath hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & year first herein before Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Joel Wright
her
Polly X Mayse
mark

Botetourt County to wit;

We John Pate & George Bright justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Polly Mayse the Wife of Ballenger Mayse party to a certain Deed bearing date on the 26th day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband & having the Deed aforesaid fully Explained to her She the Said Polly Mayse acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed and declared that She had Willingly Signed Sealed & Delivered the Same and that She wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 27th day of August 1825

John Pate
George Bright

Botetourt County Court Clerks Office 10th October 1825 This deed together with the Certificates &c thereon Written was this day Exhibited in said office & admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer D.C

Botetourt County to wit

We William McDermed & George Bright justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Joel Wright partie to a certain deed bearing date on the 26th day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & Deed & Desired us to Certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court aforesaid in order that the Said Deed may be recorded Given under our hands & Seals this 21st day of Septr 1825

Wm McDermed
George Bright"

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 16:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
April 16	James Wright	3	2		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		1.65

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.
Do	"	206	On the same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.61	1.45	
16W	2.00		412.00	.29	

This record reflects the transfer of land in January 1824 by Bedford County D.B. 18/318, but not the subsequent disposition in June 1824 by Bedford County Deed 19/103.

In October 1825 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 20/139 James Wright was appointed surveyor of a road:

> "Ord. that James Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from George Medleys to Wilkins J. Hunts mill in room of Thos Lancaster with the usual hands"

On November 12, 1825, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/431 James Wright purchased the interest of Matthew Wright in the two lots of land in Salem, Virginia:

> "This Indenture made and Entered into this 12th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1825 Between Mathew Wright and his Wife Nancy of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part & James Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the Sum of $194 & 39 cents to him in hand paid the rect whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained Sold and Confirmed & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell and Confirm unto him the said James Wright his heirs and assigns forever all their Interest in & to two Lots in the town of Salem in the County of Botetourt Said to contain one quarter of an acre each and numbered in the plan of Said town 68 & 69 two fifths of which being all the Interest the aforesaid Mathew Wright claims in said Lotts the other three fifths being already held by the Said James Wright as his own Property To have and to hold the aforesaid two fifths in the aforesaid two Lots the sd Mathew Wright & his wife Nancy doth covenant for themselves that they will forever guarantee unto him the said James Wright his heirs & assigns all their right title & Interest in and to the aforesaid two Lots or such right as is Vested in them against all persons

claiming under them & none other unto him the Said James Wright his heirs & Assigns forever as Witness our hands & seals the day and date first above written

Mathew Wright
Nancy Wright

Bedford County to Wit,

We William Shrewsbury and Mathew Pate Magistrates of the Said County do hereby Certify that Mathew Wright partie to the within conveyance have duly Acknowledged the same before us on the 12th day of November in the year 1825 & Desired us to Certify the Said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the said conveyance may be may be recorded recorded as Witness our hands & Seals

Wm Shrewsbury
Mathew Pate

Bedford County to wit

We William Shrewsbury & Mathew Pate justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Nancy Wright Wife of Mathew Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real Estate to James Wright bearing date the 12th day of November 1825 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband & having the de3ed aforesaid fully Explained to her she the said Nancy Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the Same & that She wished not to retract it Given under our hands & Seals this 12th day of November 1825

Wm Shrewsbury
Mathew Pate

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 13th november 1825

This Deed together with the Certificates &c thereon written was this day Exhibited in Said Office and admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer D.C"

On November 14, 1825, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/430 James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright sold the land purchased in Botetourt County Deed 16/431 to Charles Anderson:

"This Indenture made this 14th day of November in the year of Christ 1825 between James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright his Wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Charles Anderson of the town of Salem County of Botetourt & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the Said James Wright & Eliza Ann his Wife for and in consideration of the Sum of four hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the Said Charles Anderson at and before the Ensealing and delivery of the presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge they the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his Wife hath granted bargained Sold and Confirmed & by these presents do grant bargain Sell and confirm unto him the Said Charles Anderson the whole of a certain tract or parcel of groud in the town of Salem known and designated in the Plan of said town as No 69 and also a part of the lot No 68 so as to Include that part of said Lot on which a brick house stands and is Sitaute and all the residue of said lot No 68 With the Exception of the house in which Branson Dunington now lives & three feet of groud in addition to the length of the House and running back the width of said Lot so as to include as much in rear as in front & which Said Lots were Conveyed by Joel Wright as trustee and Polly Mayse Wife of Ballenger Mayse to James Wright & Matthey Wright purchasers under a deed of Trust and the Said Mathew Wright and Nancy his Wife conveyed the whole of their interest in Said lots to the said James Wright all of which will more fully appear refference being had to said deeds which have been admitted to record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Botetourt To have and to hold the Said Brick house with the before mentioned appurtenances unto the said Charles Anderson his heirs & assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Charles Anderson his heirs and assigns forever and the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his Wife & their heirs doth covenant to and with the Said Charles Anderson & his heirs to warrant and defend the title of the said Charles Anderson to the aforesd conveyed premises against the claim or claims of the said James Wright & Eliza Ann his wife and their heirs & against the claim or claims of any and Every person or persons whatsoever In Witness Whereof the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his Wife have hereunto Set their hands & affixed their Seals the day and year first above written

James Wright
Eliza Ann Wright

Botetourt County to wit

We William McDermed & George Bright justices of the Peace in the county aforesaid do hereby certify that James Wright partie to the within deed bearing

date on the 14th day of November 1825 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired us to certify the said Acknowlmt to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the Said deed may be recorded we do further certify that Eliza Ann Wright wife of James Wright parties to the within deed bearing date the 15th day of November 1825 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully Explained to her she the said Eliza Ann Wright Acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed & declared that she had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the Same and that she wished not to retract Given under our hands & Seals this 19th day of November 1825

Wm McDermed
George Bright

Botetourt County Court Clerks Office 25th November 1825

This deed together with the Certificates thereon written respecting the acknowledgement thereof was this day Exhibited in Said office and admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer D.C"

The listing of James Wright's wife as Eliza Ann identifies the James Wright of this deed as 1877 James Wright and, therefore, also of Botetourt County Deeds 16/476 and 16/431.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 24:

Date of Receiv-ing List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carri-ages &c	Amot of Tax $ Cts
April 24	James Wright	1	3	3		1.77

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.
Do	"	56	on beaver dam Cr.

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
16W	2.00		112.00	.09	

On January 10, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James Wright executed his surety bond to to secure the payment of any amount found to be due from Jubal Wright in a suit for debt by Isaac Hopkins:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum, that upon the 10th day of Jany in the year 1827 James Wright of the county of Bedford personally appeared before me Ro S White jr deputy sheriff for James Otey sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for Jubal Wright at the suit of Isaac Hopkins in an action of Debt now depending in the County court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said Jubal Wright shall be cast in the said suit, the said Jubal Wright will pay, and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said James Wright will do it for him

Given under my hand this 10th day of Jany 1827.

Ro. S White Jr

James Wright have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof have hereunto affixed hand and seal this 10th day of Jany 1827.

Jubal Wright
James Wright"

On February 3, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James Wright and Jubal Wright executed a promissory note for $35.12 1/2 payable to James West:

> "three months after date we or eather of us do prommise to pay or cause to be paid unto James West the Just & full Sum of thirty five dollars 12½ cts for value of them Rcd as witness our hands & Seals this 3d day of febuary 1827
>
> Test — Jubal Wright
> William Bowles — James Wright
> Samuel West
>
> Decr 26th 1827 I asine the within note to George Gish for value Recd
>
> test — James West
> Henry Lawrence"

On March 28, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/105 James Wright acted as a juror in a case involving the Anderson estate:

> "Andersons Exors for &c - Andersons admrs a Jury Sworn to try the Issues Joined Viz Jeremiah Halley, John Marrsea, Tandy K. Jones, James Wright George Wysong, Richard Ellis, Thomas Hagan, Ambrose Rucker Jr. Alexander Rucker, John Milam, Jabez L. Early and John Bagle & by Consent a Juror is withdrawn & cont til tomorrow"

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	James Wright	3	1		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		1.53

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam Cr
Do	"	54	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

On December 12, 1827, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 18/374 James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright sold their remaining interest in Lot 68 in Salem to Branson Dunnington:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 12th day of December in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Seven between James Wright and Eliza Ann his Wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Branson Dunnington of the County of Botetourt and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said James Wright & Eliza Ann his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars to them in hand paid by the Said Branson Dunnington the receipt whereof they do by these presents acknowledge and confess Have granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell alien and Confirm unto the Said Branson Dunnington a part of a Certain Lot in the Town of Salem Botetourt County and known in the plan of Said Town as a part of Lot No. 68 and measuring in front along the South Side of Roanoke Street twenty Six feet and extending back retaining the same width Sixteen Poles to the Land of N Burwell Bounded as followeth on the East by a part of Said Lot No 68 belonging to Samuel Giggler on the South by the Land of N Burwell on the west by the property of Powell H Huff and on the North by Roanoke Street To have and to hold the Said Lot of Land and premises together with all & Singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the Said Branson Dunnington and to the sole use and behoof of the Said Branson Dunnington & his heirs forever and the Sd James Wright and Eliza Ann his wife for themselves and their heirs Exors & administrators the Said Lot of Land with every advantage and privilege thereunto belonging or in any way

appurtaining from themselves and their heirs and all persons whatsoever unto the said Branson Dunnington and his heirs and assigns shall and will forever Warrant and defend by these presents In Testimony whereof the Said James Wright & Eliza Ann his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and Year above mentioned

James Wright
Eliza Ann Wright

We William Shrewsberry and Charles Whiteley Justices of the peace in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Eliza Ann Wright wife of James Wright parties to a certain Deed bearing date the 12th day of December 1827 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privaly and apart from her husband and having the Deed fully explained to her declared that she freely Signed Sealed and delivered the Same and requested us Certify the Same to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt Given under our hands & Seals this 12th day of December 1827

William Shrewsberry
Chas Whitely

We John W Holt and Armstead Otey Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that James Wright a party to a certain Deed bearing date on the 12th day of December 1827 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and acknowledged the Same to be his act and Deed and desired us to certify the said Acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in Order that the Said Deed may be recorded Given under our hands this 12th day of September 1828

J W Holt JP
A Otey JP

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 13th September 1828

This Deed with the Certificates &c thereon written was this day exhibited in Said office and admitted to record

Teste
Fr ____ DC"

On January 28, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/227 James Wright was replaced as surveyor of the road:

"Ordered that James Mayse be appointed Surveyor of the road from George Medleys to Cabells Mill in the room of James Wright with the usual hands"

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on bever dam Cr
Do	"	56	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Build-ings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	252	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

On about August 25, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers George Gish, as assignee of James West, filed a complaint against James Wright and Jubal Wright for payment of the promissory note for $35.12 1/2:

"Bedford County, to wit

George Gish assee of James West plaintiff complains of Jubal Wright & James Wright defendants in custody &c. of a plea of debt that they render unto him thirty five Dollars & twelve & half cents which they owe to and from him unjustly detain &c For this that the defendants on the 3d day of february 1827 at the parish of ____ and in this county by their certain writing obligatory sealed with their seals & now to the court here shown (the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid) promised to pay to the said James West the said sum of thirty five dollars & twelve & a half cents for value received to be paid to the said James West three months after the date of the said writing obligatory afterward to wit on the 2_th day of december 1827 at the county & parish aforesaid all and every part of the said writing obligatory being then due and unpaid, the said James West, by an endorsement in writing on the back of the said writing obligatory his own proper name by his own hand being thereto subscribed, did for a valuable consideration, assign the said writing obligatory to the plaintiff, which said

assignment is also to the Court here shown (dated the day & year last aforesaid) & of which said assignment the defendants afterwards to wit, the day & year last aforesaid at the county & parish aforesaid then there had notice. The plaintiff avers that the said defendants the said sum of money or any part thereof three months after the date of the said writing obligatory or at any time before or afterwards did not pay either to the said James West before his assignment to the plaintiff and notice, nor have they paid the same or any part thereof to the plaintiff since but the same to pay or any part thereof (though often requested) either to the said James West before his said assignment to the plaintiff and notice, or to the plaintiff since they the said said defendants have hitherto wholly failed & refused and still fail & refuse to render the same. To the damage of plaintiff $20 and thereupon he brings suit &c

Jno. T. Sale p.q."

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a James Wright.

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam
Do	"	56	On Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
17W	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48
18W	2.00		112.00	.09

In June 1829 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/274 Braxton McCormack was bound to James Wright by the overseer of the poor:

"Ordered that the Overseers of the poor of this County bind John Adams to Beverley Corley; also Braxton McCormack to James Wright also Henry Hix to John Doury, and Hopkins Wheeler to Peter M. Wright according to law"

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 17:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
April 17	James Wright	1	1	3	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			.59

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On B Dam
Do		56	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value	
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two James Wrights, one with no other members of the household listed and one with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
James Wright	1	30-40	1	20-30
	1	20-30		
	2	10-15		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
		2	10-24				
		3	0-10				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
9					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

The age of the eldest male fits James Wright and, as will be seen below, the age of the eldest female is consistent with the 1840 Census.

In February 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/222 James Wright was appointed to settle the guardian account of the heirs of James Darby:

> "Ordered that Israel James, Elias James, James Wright & Edmund Pate or any one or more of these being first Sworn do settle the Guardian account of the heirs of James Darby decd with Anthony Wright their Guardian & report to Court"

In March 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/236 James Wright was appointed to settle the account of the estate of Randolph Richardson:

> "Ordered that Edmund Pate and James Wright or either of them being first sworn for that purpose do state & settle the account current of the Estate of Randolph Richardson decd with Stephen Wood the admrs with the will annexed & report to Court"

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 16:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts &c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 16	James Wright	1	4			.49

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
James & Joel Wright		400	On Beaver dam Cr
Do		56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

In October 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/367 the court appointed James Wright as an appraiser for the estate of Solomon Wright:

> "Ordered that Edmund Pate, Matthew Pate, James Wright & Joel Wright or any three of them being first sworn appraise the estate of Solomon Wright decd & report to court"

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	James Wright	1	1	5	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	.55

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver Dam
do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	James Wright	1	1	8

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
			.73

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land ____	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver Dam Cr
Do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

In March 1833 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/116 James Wright was appointed commissioner to superintend the election at Pea Town:

> "Ordered that the following commissioners be appointed to superintend the precinct elections for the present year, agreeably to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, to wit, Matthew Pate, Jubal Jordan, Francis Board, Isaac James, and James Wright or any two or more of them to superintend the election at Pea Town. Lewis P. Arthur, Franklin Headin, Jonathan Cundiff, Washington Ruse, and Christopher Moon or any two or more at the Meadows of Goose Creek Benjamin Wiggenton Francis Meriweather, William Oglesby, Robert Tinsely, Nathaniel J. Manson or any two of them at Cheese Creek Church - and Martin P. Binks, Jesse Jeter, William A. White, Robert Strange and Richard Davis or any two or more of them at Davis's old Store."

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Wright with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Jas Wright	1	2	7

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
1 stud $20		20.92

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09

On September 27, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/295 James Wright and Alexander Kasey acted as trustees on a deed of trust executed by Henry D. Powell to secure certain debts due to William S. Wright:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 27th day of September One thousand eight hundred and thirty four between Henry D. Powell of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part Alexander Kasey and James Wright of the County & State afforesaid of the other Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and being desirous of securing the payment of four bonds amounting in the whole to four hundred dollars due and payable as follows the first bond due & payable the first day of May one thousnd eight hundred and thirty six for the sum of One hundred dollars, one other bond for one hundred dollars due & payable the 1st May one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven one other bond due & payable the 1st May one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and one other bond for one hundred dollars due and payable the 1st May one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, the above bonds due to William S. Wright or his assigns and in order to secure the payments of the above bonds to, the said Henry D. Powell hath given granted, bargained and sold and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, and confirm unto the above named Alexander Kasey Junr. and James Wright them or their heirs Executors, administrators or assigns the following tract of land lying and being in the above mentioned County of Bedford lying on the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek, containing 281 acres more or less & adjoining the lands of Nathaniel Newsom, John Buford, Francis Franklin & others which tract is particularly Specified in the above William S. Wright and wife's deed to the said Henry D. Powell which deed bears date 26th September 1834 acknowledged before William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace forever. Upon trust Nevertheless if the

above bound Henry D. Powell him or his heirs administrators or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named William S. Wright him or his heirs executors or assigns the above named bonds as they respectively become due then the obligation to be null and void and of no effect, But in case the above named Henry D. Powell fails to comply with the above, then the above named Alexander Kasey Jr and James Wright or their heirs, Executors or administrators shall whenever requested by the said William S. Wright him or his heirs, Executors or administrators or assigns after the first day of May one thousnd eight hundred and thirty nine and after having advertised the time and place as they may think proper for one month proceed to sell the above tract of land with every appurtenance thereunto belonging for cash and out of the money arising from such sale in the first place pay and satisfy all charges attending the sale then the above named debts with legal Interest and the residue to the use and benefit of the above named Henry J. Powell his heirs Executors &c or such person or persons as he may appoint by writing under his hand and in default of such appointment to those that will be thereunto entitled by virtue of the Statute for distributing intestates estate. Given under our hands and seals the day and date first above written.

Henry D. Powell
Alexr. Kasey Jr.
James Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of October 1834. This deed of Trust from Henry D. Powell to Alexander Kasey Junr. and James Wright trustees for the benefit of William S. Wright was produced in Court acknowledged said Henry D Powell had ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

1877 James Wright was William S. Wright's wife's cousin and was the only James Wright in Bedford County at this time who might serve as such a trustee and, therefore, the James Wright of this deed of trust is identified as probably 1877 James Wright.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	James Wright	1	2	5

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	1 Stud $20	20.80

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
James & Joel Wright		400	On Beaver dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48
16	2.00	112		.09

On September 14, 1835, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 25/59 James Wright sold a gray mare to Adam Evans for the use of Mary Ann J. Evans:

> "Whereas, Leroy Jordan (formerly of Bedford County Virginia) did by a regular conveyance, convey to Adam F. Evans in trust for the benefit use and maintenance of Mary Ann J. Evans the whole of his right, title and interest both in law and equity in and to two tracts of land lying and being in the County of Pickaway and State of Ohio to Wit. Entry No 8240/8809 for 550 acres and 8206 for 138 acres originally entered and surveyed in the name of George Greenaway as will more fully appear, on reference to said conveyance recorded in the Recorders Office of the said County and State of Ohio, and whereas the said Adam F. Evans trustee as aforesaid, did by a regular power of attorney bearing date on the 21st day of February 1835 authorise and empower Anthony Evans Jr. to sell and convey the whole of said land as will more fully appear or refference to the recorders office of said County and State and Whereas the said Anthony Evans Jr. did sell and convey the whole of the said Adam F. Evans right, title and interest in and to said land to William Mills of the said County of

Pickaway and State of Ohio, which interest after being known, Surveyed and worked amounted to 2712 acres, all of which will more fully appear on reference to the Surveyors & Recorders Office of the said County of Pickaway and State of Ohio, For and in consideration of which the said William Mills paid to the said Anthony Evans Jr. agent and attorney in fact for the said Adam F. Evans the sum of five hundred dollars in hand and two hundred and thirty three dollars and ten cents in two equal annual payments, which said amounts the said Anthony Evans Jr. is authorised and empowered to lay out or appropriate towards the reperchase of such other land or personal property or both as he the said Anthony Evans Jr. may think proper to perchase either in Virginia, Ohio, or Indiana provided however, such other land or personal property or both shall again be reconveyed to the said Adam F. Evans in trust for the use, benefit and maintainance of the said Mary Ann J. Evans. Now This Indenture made and entered into this 14th day of September 1835, between James Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Adam F. Evans of the County of Rush and State of Indiana of the other Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy dollars in hand paid to the said James Wright by Anthony Evans Jr. agent and attorney in fact for the said Adam F. Evans the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said James Wright has this day bargained, sold, released transfered, conveyed and confirmed unto the said Adam Evans in trust for the use, benefit and maintainance of Mary Ann J. Evans (wife of Anthony Evans Jr.) one certain Iron gray mare together with all her increase. To have and to hold the said Iron gray mare together with all her increase forever and the said James Wright for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns will forever warrant and by these presents defend the right and title to the said Iron gray mare together with all her increase unto the said Adam F. Evans trustee as aforesaid, his heirs executors administrators or assigns against the claim of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said James Wright hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered) James Wright
in the presents of)
Joel Wright
William A. Buford
Anthony Evans Jr.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of September 1835: This deed of trust from James Wright to Adam F. Evans trustee, for the benefit of Mary Ann J. Evans, was produced in Court acknowledged by said James Wright and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

Since Leroy Jordan was 1877 James Wright's brother's wife's father and 1877 James Wright regularly owned many horses as set forth in the Personal Property Tax Lists, 1877 James Wright is identified as probably the James Wright of this bill of sale.

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	James Wright	1	3	5

Carriages& Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
1 Stud $10	29.05
1 do $ 4	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improvements Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48
16	2.00	112		.09

On July 14, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 25/343 James Wright and Jesse B. Kay acted as trustees on a deed of trust executed by Samuel D. McCarty to secure certain debts due to Robert J. Thurman & Company. 1877 James Wright was the only James Wright in Bedford County at this time who might properly serve as such

trustee and thus the identification of the James Wright of this deed of trust as probably 1877 James Wright.

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
	James Wright	2	3	2

Studs Carriages&c	Tax $ Cts
1 Stud $20	20.87

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48
16	2.00		112.00	.09

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright S(?) with the following household on May 15:

	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
May 15	James Wright S(?)	2	4	6

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
1 Stud $10	21.68

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improve ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.85
16 "	2.00		112.00	
.12				

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on April 3:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Apl 3rd	James Wright	2	4	9

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
1 Stud $5		11.92

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.85
16 "	2.00		112.00	.12

On August 13, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 28/127 James Wright and Cornelius Pate acted as trustees on a deed of trust executed by John Armstrong to secure certain debts due to Robert J. Thurman & Company. 1877 James Wright was the only James Wright in Bedford County at this time who might properly serve as such trustee and had previously acted as trustee for Robert J. Thurman & Company and, therefore, the James Wright of this deed of trust is identified as probably 1877 James Wright.

On October 28, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 28/379 James Wright purchased 50-1/2 acres of land from John Melson and John J. Dent:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 28th day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine between John Melson and John J. Dent of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and James Wright of the said County and State of the second part Witnesseth that the said John Melson and John J. Dent for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said James Wright at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is

hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained, and sold unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia on the waters of Cates creek & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a white oak on the south side of Cates Creek, thence down said Creek as it meanders to a small branch on the South Side of said Creek corner to Richard McCormack, thence along his line S. 50 E. 4-1/2 poles to a hickory S. 3 W. 28 poles crossing a branch to a Spanish oak S. 24-1/2 W. 24 poles to a white oak, S. 84 W. 15 poles to a white oak, S 32 E 21-1/2 poles to an ash on Board's spring branch, thence up said branch as it meanders to a small white oak by a large rock, thence along Carn's line N. 41-3/4 E. 47 poles to pointers on a ridge N. 23 E 39 poles to a white oak N. 9-1/4 W. 12 poles to Board corner red oak, thence along Chapman's lines to Robert Nimmo Serv.'s corner in said line thence along his line to the first station containing in the whole fifty acres and a half be the same more or less together with all the appurtenances and privileges thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the aforesaid land and appurtenances unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns forever. And the said John Melson and John J. Dent their heirs &c the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns shall and will forever warrant and defend free from the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said John Melson and John J. Dent hath hereunto set their hands & Seals this day & year first above written.

Signed Sealed &) John D. Melson
acknowledged) John J. Dent
in presence of)

Bedford Clerks Office September 30th 1840

This Indenture of bargain and sale from John D. Melson and John J. Dent to James Wright, was produced in the office acknowledged by the said Melson and Dent and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On January 9, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/46 James Wright purchased 700 acres of land from Samuel J. Cabell and Elizabeth S. Cabell:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 9th day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty, between Samuel J. Cabell and Elizabeth S. his wife of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the one part and James Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Samuel J. Cabell and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum

of two thousand dollars paid to them in hand by the said Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents bargain, sell and deliver unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on Beaver dam creek, containing Seven hundred acres more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at Dents corner red oak, thence with his line S. 1 degree W. 96 poles to pointers thence S. 72 E. 34 poles to a Spanish oak, thence N. 35 E. 96 poles to McComack's corner red oak, thence N. 67 E. 42 poles to a small white oak near the mill road, thence N. with the road as it meanders 68 poles to a black oak, thence S. 60 ____ 37 poles to a poplar on a branch of Cate's Creek, thence down the branch as it meanders to the mouth of another branch, thence up the same as it meanders to Cundiffs corner Sowerwood, thence with the old line S. 9 W. 224 poles to pointers in Waltons old patent line, thence with his line 88 poles to Cate's creek, thence down the same as it meanders to Beaverdam creek, thence up the south side of the same as it meanders to Joseph Wright's corner white oak, thence with his line to Payne's corner white oak, thence with his line to a corner gum at the head of a branch, thence down the said branch as it meanders to Beaver dam creek, thence up the West side of said creek as it meanders to the north fork, thence up the said fork as it meanders to the mouth of a branch on Thomas Wright's line, thence on his line to pointers on a branch thence up the said branch as it meanders to the fork or mouth of another branch, thence up South East branch as it meanders to the beginning. To have and to hold the aforesaid land with all its appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said James Wright his heirs or assigns forever. And they the said Samuel J. Cabell and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs shall ever warrant and defend the right and title to the same free from the claims or demands from any and every other person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this day and year above written.

Saml. J. Cabell
Elizabeth S. Cabell

Franklin County to Wit

We Peter D. Holland and Solomon Pasley Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Samuel J. Cabell and Elizabeth his wife parties to the within deed of conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 9th January 1841 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. And we do further certify that Elizabeth S. Cabell wife of Samuel J. Cabell parties to a certain deed for conveyance of real estate to James Wright bearing date the 9th of January 1841 and thereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by

us privily and apart from her husand having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Elizabeth S. Cabell acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 9th day of January 1841.

Peter D. Holland
S. Pasley

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1841

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Samuel J. Cabell & wife to James Wright, was produced in Court, and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Mch 25	James Wright	1	4	6

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
1 Stud $5		11.68

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one James Wright with the following members of the household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
James Wright	1	40-50	1	30-40
	1	20-30	1	10-15
	1	10-15	1	0-5
	1	5-10		
	1	0-5		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	55-100	1	10-24
				1	10-24	5	0-10
				1	0-10		

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agri-culture	Commerce	Manu-facture and trades	Navi-gation of the ocean	Naviga-tion of canals lakes and rivers
15		6				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
	Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

The age of the eldest male is consistent with a James Wright born in about 1793. The eldest female would have to be James Wright's first wife Eliza Ann Burford Wright, making her birth between 1800 and 1810. Four of the possibly six children of this marriage indicated by the census have not as yet been identified.

In September 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/113 James Wright was appointed guardian of Mary S. Wright and James O. Wright, orphans of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County:

> "Ordered that James Wright be appointed Guardian of Mary S. & James O. Wright children of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with Joel Wright his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the Penalty of $7,000. Conditioned according to law."

On October 12, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6118, Ballenger Mayse filed a complaint against James Wright:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting we Command you that you Summon James Wright to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for Bedford County at rules to be held in the Clerks office thereof on the first monday in December next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him in said Court by Ballenger Mays
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> And unless he shall answer the said bill within two months thereafter the Court will take the same for Confessed and decree accordingly - And this he shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 - And have then there this Writ Witness Joseph Wilson Clerk of our said Court the 12th day of October 1840, in the 65th year of the Commonwealth
>
> Jos Wilson
>
> Executed 10th November 1840
> John L Preston
> DS for John L. Cobbs
> SBC
>
> 1842 Decr Disd.
> by order of plts counsel"

No further record of this case has as yet been found. Since Ballenger Mayse was the brother-in-law of 1877 James Wright of Bedford County, the James Wright of this complaint was probably 1877 James Wright of Bedford County.

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 James Wright was appointed to survey the route of a road to Pea Town:

> "On the Petition of Edmund Pate, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for the purpose, do view a way for a road from the Crossroads near Gish's store to intersect the road from James Paynes to Pea Town; and report to Court truly, and impartially, the conveniences & inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the advantages which will result to the several proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 James Wright was appointed to survey the route of a second road:

> "On the Petition of Thomas Bandy, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for that purpose, do view a way for a road from Hardys road near James Corleys passing his Mill at the mouth of Falling Creek to intersect the proposed road from the Crossroads to Paynes road at the next suitable point - And report to Court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally, in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the advantages which will result to the proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on March 7:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mar 7th	James Wright	1	3	7

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		2.17½

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On beverdam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.63
" "	3.50		196.00	.25

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
James Wright		50½	On Cates Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land	
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.13	of John Melson & J. J. Dent

This record reflects the purchase of 50-1/2 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 28/379.

On March 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/49 James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright sold 88 acres of land to Josiah Nimmo:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, between James Wright and Eliza his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part, and Josiah Nimmo of the said County of the other part Witnesseth; that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and Sixty four dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James Wright and Eliza his wife, they have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents, do grant, bargain, and sell unto the said Josiah Nemo one certain track or parcel of land situate in the County of Bedford and lying on the North side of Kate's creek containing Eighty Eight acres and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a rock in William Nemo's line and along his and McCommack's line S. 11 W. 212 poles to McCommack's corn.

poplar on Kate's creek, thence down the same as it meanders N. 15 W. 20 poles S. 8 W. 18 poles N. 42 W. 14 poles S. 80 W. 6 poles to the mouth of a branch, thence up the same N. 19 W. 38 poles to pointers, thence along James Wright's line N. 8 W. 112 poles to a pile of rocks in old field near a road N. 2 E. 54 poles to James Nemo's corner rock in a field, along his line due East 98 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the granted land and premises together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Josiah Nemo his heirs or assigns forever. And the said James Wright and Eliza his wife do by these presents warrant and will forever defend a good & lawful title to the above granted land and premises free from the just claim of them the said James Wright and Eliza his their heirs, and all persons whatsoever unto the said Josiah Nemo his heirs or assigns.

In witness whereof they the said James Wright and Eliza his have hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & date as above written.

Signed, Sealed & deli-	)	James Wright
vered in the presence	)	Elisa Wright
of	)	

Bedford County to Wit

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid, and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Eliza Wright the wife of James Wright parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate bearing date on the 8th day of March 1841, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and having the said deed fully explained to her, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, she the said Eliza Wright declared that she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of April 1841.

William Mead
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1841.

This Indenture of barain and sale from James Wright & wife to Josiah Nimmo was acknowledged by the said James Wright, Certified as to his wife & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On March 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/50 James Wright and Eliza Wright also sold 100 acres of land to James Nemo:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one, between James Wright and Eliza his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part and James Nemo of the said County of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James Wright and Eliza his wife hath granted, bargained, sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said James Nemo a certain track or parcel of land containing one hundred acres be the same more or less, situate in the County of Bedford and lying on the waters of Kate's creek and bounded as follows. Beginning at Wrights corner red thence along his line S. 70 W. 45 poles to a post oak N. 30 W. 121 (12?) poles Bole's corner pointer, thence along his line N. 38 E. 52 poles to a dogwood on a branch, thence down the same as it meanders S. 52° E. 40 poles S. 31 E. 30 poles and 62 W. 12 poles to the fork of said branch, thence up the said fork S. 62° W. 12 poles S. 51° W. 18 poles to Wm Nemo's corner, a dead white oak, and along his line S. 11 W. 102 poles to a rock near a branch off a new line due West 98 poles to a rock in a field in James Wrights line, and along his line S. 2° E. 100 poles to a maple on a branch N. 25 E. 13-1/2 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the above granted land and premises together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said James Nemo his heirs or assigns forever. And the same James Wright and Eliza his wife do by these presents warrant and will forever defend a good and lawful title to the above granted land and premises free from the just claims of them the said James Wright and Eliza his wife their heirs and all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof they the said James Wright and Eliza his wife, have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and date as above written

Signed Seald & delivd) James Wright
in presence of) Elisa Wright

Bedford County to Wit

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Eliza Wright the wife of James Wright parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate, bearing date on the 8th day of March 1841 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, she the said Eliza Wright declared that she had willingly Signed, Sealed and

delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of April 1841.

William Mead
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1841

This Indenture of bargain and sale from James Wright and wife to James Nimmo was acknowledged by the said James Wright certified as to his wife and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On April 2, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/47 James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright sold 31-1/2 acres of land to William Anderson:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one between James Wright and Eliza Ann his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part and William Anderson of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty three dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his wife they have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said William Anderson one certain track or parcel of land situated in the County of Bedford and lying on the East side of Beaverdam creek and containing thirty one and half acres and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a post of the old mill on said creek of new lines N. 25 E. 75 poles to post oak on a ridge N. 2 W. 58 poles to white oak, N. 14 W. 38 poles to pointers on West fork of said creek, thence down the same as it meanders S. 75 W. 16 poles S. 21 W. 16 poles S. 2 E. 48 poles S. 74 W. 46 poles to the fork S. 48 E. 50 poles & S. 7 E. 40 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the granted land & premises together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said William Anderson his heirs or assigns forever. And the said James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright his wife do by these presents warrant and will forever defend a good and lawful title to the above granted land and premises free from the just claim of them the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his their heirs and all persons whatsoever unto the said William Anderson his heirs or assigns. In witness whereof they the said James Wright and Eliza Ann his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date as above written

James Wright
Eliza Ann Wright

Bedford County to Wit

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Eliza Ann the wife of James Wright parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate bearing date on the 2nd day of April 1841 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and having the said deed fully explained to her and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband she the said Eliza Ann Wright declared that she had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of April 1841.

William Mead
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1841.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from James Wright & wife to William Anderson was acknowledged by the said James Wright Certified as to his wife and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On April 19, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/48 James Wright and Eliza Ann Wright sold 50 acres of land to William Anderson, Jr., and Thomas Bandy:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, between James Wright and Eliza Ann his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and William Anderson Jr. and Thomas Bandy of the County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said James Wright & Eliza Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and eighty two dollars and twenty cents to them in hand paid by the said William Anderson Jr. and Thomas Bandy at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell release and confirm unto the said William Anderson Jr. and Thomas Bandy a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam creek containing fifty acres be the same more or less and adjoining the lands of James Wright, ____ Bulez, James Payne and James Carter. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said William Anderson Jr. and Thomas Bandy their heirs, executors or administrators forever. And he the said James Wright doth

bind himself his heirs, executors and administrators to forever warrant and defend the right and title to the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to them the said William Anderson Jr. and Thomas Bandy their heirs &c. forever free from the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first above written.

Sealed and delivered) James Wright
in the presence of) Eliza Ann Wright

State of Virginia, Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Eliza Ann Wright wife of James Wright a party to the annexed deed bearing date on the 19th day of April 1841 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & being examined by us privy and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Eliza Ann Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, Sealed, and delivered the same & that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this __ day of April 1841.

Matthew Pate
William Mead

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1841.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from James Wright and wife to William Anderson and Thomas Bandy was acknowledged by the said James Wright, certified as to his wife & ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mch 25	James Wright	1	4	10

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
	2.85	

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.63
" "	3.50		196.00	.25

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James Wright		50½	On Cates Cr
do		431	On Bever Dam

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.13	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.63	of S J Cabbell

This record reflects the purchase of 700 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 29/46 and the sale of 88 acres by Bedford County Deed 29/49, 100 acres by Bedford County Deed 29/50, 31-1/2 acres by Bedford County Deed 29/47, and 50 acres by Bedford County Deed 29/48, for a net increase of 430-1/2 acres, or rounded to 431 acres.

On May 26, 1842, The Lynchburg Virginian published the following death notice for John Marshall Wright, the oldest child of James and Eliza Wright:

> "in Bedford county, Va., on Sunday, the 4th of July, 1841, John Marshall, elder child of James and Eliza Ann Wright, in the 8th year of his age."

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright(?) with the following household on April 23:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
Apl 23	James Wright (?)	1	5	11	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Description Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	3.30	
" "	3.50		196.00	.30	

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James Wright		50½	On Cates Cr
do		431	On Bever Dam

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.16	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.96	

In August 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/169 James Wright was appointed commissioner to allot the dower interest of Jane Turner, the widow of John T. B. Turner:

> "Ordered that Edmund McGeorge, Thomas Kasey, James Wright and Jeremiah Jordan or any three of them, be appointed Commissioners to lay off and allot to Jane Turner Widow of John T. B. Turner Deceased her dower in the lands of said decedant, and make report to Court."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on March 6:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
Mch 6	James Wright	1	5	8	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	
					1	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax Dollars	Cents
	1 deed	3.75	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	___	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.62	
" "	3.50		196.00	.25	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in feesimple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Cates Cr
do	"	"	431	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	___	Explanations of alterations dulring the preceding especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.12	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.63	

On March 11, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/65 James Wright purchased 43 acres of land from William Ryan:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 11th day of March eighteen hundred and forty four between William Ryon of Roanoke County and State of Virginia of the first part and James Wright of the County of Bedford and State afforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth, that the said William Ryon for and in consideration of the sum of forty three dollars, current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said James Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowleged have granted, bargained and sold unto the said James Wright, his heirs or assigns forever a certain track or parcell of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia on the waters of Beeverdam creek, begining at a red oake in James Nimmo line, then

bounded by Joel Wright, James Wright and James Nimmo, containing in all forty three acres more or less together with all the appertineces & privoledges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the aforesaid land and appertinnances unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns forever,and the said William Ryon his heirs, the said tract or parcel of land with the appertenences unto the said James Wright his heirs or assigns shall and will forever warrant and defend free from the claim or claimes of him the said William Ryon and all other person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said William Ryon have hereunto set his hand and seal the day and yeare first above written.

Signed, seeled & acknowledged in the presents of) William Ryan Senior

Bedford County to Wit.

We Mathew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that William Ryan Sr. party to a certain deed bearing date the 11th day of March 1844 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 12th day of March 1844.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerks office March 20th 1844.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from William Ryan Sr. to James Wright was produced in the office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In June 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/294 James Wright was appointed to survey alterations in a road:

"On the motion of Thomas Kasey, Green B. Board & John Cobbs, it is ordered that James Wright, Matthew Pate, Jubal Jordan, and James Spradling, or any three of them being first sworn, view the way for an alteration in the road from James Dickinsons to Thomas J. Thomasons, through the lands of said James

Dickinson, Thomas J. Thomason and William Thomason, and that they report to Court truly, and impartially, the conveniences and inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally, in case said proposed alteration in road should be established. And that said Viewers also report the comparative advantages of the present road and the proposed alteration, and all other matters required by law."

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1	4	6	8

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		2.85

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses,
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ___ especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Cates Cr
do	"	"	431	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	43	On Same from Wm Ryan

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.10	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		43.00	.05	from Wm Ryan 1845

This record reflects the purchase of 43 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 31/65.

On February 22, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/314 James Wright purchased all of the interest of Jubal Barton and Lucinda Barton in the estate of James Payne:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 22d day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty five between Jubal Barton and his wife Lucinda of the County of Bedford of one part and James Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars in hand paid by the said James Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Jubal Barton and Lucinda is wife who have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell deliver and confirm unto the said James Wright his heirs, executors administrators or assigns all their right title and interest of every kind whether here or else where in the estate of James Payne deceased both real and personal, which interest was to secured to the said Lucinda by the last Will and Testament of the said James Payne deceased and who afterwards intermarried with the said Jubal Barton. To have and to hold all the above described interest both real and personal in and to the estate of the said James Payne Deceased unto the said James Wright his heirs executors administrators or assigns, the said Jubal Barton and his wife Lucinda and their heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said James Wright to warrant and forever defend against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever In witness

whereof the said Jubal Barton and Lucinda his wife have here unto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

Jubal	his X mark	Barton
Lucinda	her X mark	Bartin

Bedford County to Wit.

Matthew Pate & John Claytor We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Jubal Barton a party to a certain deed bearing date the 22d day of February 1845 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 22d day of February 1845.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit:

Matthew Pate and John Claytor We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Lucinda Barton wife of Jubal Barton parties to a certain deed bearing date the 22d day of February 1845 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband she declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 22d of February 1845

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of February 1845.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Jubal Barton and wife to James Wright was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro C. Mitchell C.B.C."

On August 30, 1845, at Amherst County, Virginia, D.B. Z/479 Right Wright purchased all of the interest of James Wright and Eliza A. Wright in the estates of William Burford, John L. Burford, and Sarah Burford:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of August 1845, between James Wright and Eliza A. Wright of the one part and Right Wright of the other part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, Witnesseth, that for and in Consideration of the Sum of one hundred dollars in hand paid by the Said Right Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright and for the further consideration of one dollar the payment of which is also acknowledged by the Said James Wright and Eliza Wright who have bargained and Sold and by these presents do bargain and Sell and Confirm unto the Said Right Wright his heirs executors administrators and assigns all the interest which the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright has or is or may be entitled to both real and personal, that is to Say all the interest they the said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright has or is or may be entitled to in the Several Estates of William Burford decd John L. Burford decd and Sarah Burford of the County of Amherst - To Have and to Hold all the interest aforesaid in the Several estates of William Burford decd, John L. Burford decd Sarah Burford both real and personal as aforesaid - The Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant and agree to and with the Said Right Wright to forever warrant and defend all the Said interest which they are or may be entitled to in the Several estates aforesaid against the Claim or Claims of themselves and their heirs and all persons whatsoever Claiming under them - In witness whereof the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright Parties to the above Indenture have hereunto Set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written -

James Wright
Eliza A. Wright

Bedford County to wit:

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that James Wright a Party to the within deed bearing

date on the 30th day of August 1845, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the Same to be his act and deed and desired us to Certify Said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Amherst in order that the Said deed may be recorded - Given under our hands and Seals this 1st day of September 1845.

Jno Claytor JP
William Mead JP

Bedford County to wit:

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that Eliza A. Wright the wife of James Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1845, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the Said Eliza A. Wright acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed and declared that She had willingly Signed, Sealed, and delivered the Same and that She wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and Seals this 1st day of September 1845.

Jno. Claytor J.P
William Mead J.P

In the Clerks Office of Amherst County Court on the 30th day of December 1845. This Deed was received together with the Certificates annexed of the acknowledgment thereof of James Wright and of the privy examination and acknowledgment thereof of Eliza A. Wright parties thereto before two Justices of the Peace for Bedford County and admitted to record -

Teste
Sam M Garland Ck"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1	5	6	8

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		2.85

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Cates Cr
do	"	"	431	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	43	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.10	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		45.00	.05	from William Ryan

The marriage bond of James Wright of Bedford County and Judith P. Wright, daughter of Rite, was dated on June 13, 1846, at Franklin County, Virginia, with Fleming J. T. Wright as surety and with the following consent:

"June 13, 1846

This is to certify to the clerk of Franklin Court that I have consented that lisence should be issued to Authorised a selebration of marrage between my Daughter

Judith P Wright of said County & James Wright of bedford Ct Given under hand the Day & Date Above mentioned

Rite Wright

Know all men by these presents that we James Wright and Fleming J T Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administratorsjointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this 13" day of June 1846

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound James Wright hath this day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin a License for his intermarriage with Judith P Wright of said County. Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

James Wright
Fleming J. T. Wright

Franklin County

This is to certify that I Pleasant Brown a minister of the Gospel have celebrated the rights of matrimony between

. . . .

19th of May 1846 to James Wright and Judith P. Wright"

This record in conjunction with Amherst County Deed Z/479 indicates that Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright had died between September 1, 1845, and June 13, 1846.

On August 22, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/417 James Wright and Samuel S. Preston acted as trustees on a deed of trust executed by Richard Bandy to secure certain debts due to John Bradley. 1877 James Wright was the only James Wright in Bedford County at this time and of the appropriate age who might properly serve as such trustee and thus the identification of the James Wright of this deed of trust as probably 1877 James Wright. The only other James Wright in Bedford County

at this time was James M. Wright, who was regularly identified by his middle initial and was only 21 years old at this time.

On December 10, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/20 James Wright and Josiah H. Nimmo acted as trustees on a deed of trust executed by Robert Nimmo, Sr., to secure certain debts due to Stephen C. Hurt, Pleasant Preston, and Thomas L. Leftwich. 1877 James Wright is identified as the James Wright of this deed of trust for the same reasons as set forth for Bedford County Deed of Trust 32/417.

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1	3	4	9

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1					

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

2.31

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do		"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Cates Cr
do	"	"	431	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	43	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.10	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		43.00	.05	from Wm. Ryan

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1	4	5	9

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1					

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

2.43

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	431	On the same
do	"	"	43	On Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.10	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		43.00	.05	from William Ryan

In September 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/122 James Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Ridgeway:

> "On the motion of James Wright who made oath and together with John F. Sale his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of three hundred dollars conditioned according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration in the estate of Samuel Ridgeway deceased in due form."

In September 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/122 James Wright was also appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Ridgeway:

> "On the motion of James Wright who made oath and together with John F. Sale his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of three hundred

dollars conditioned according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Joseph Ridgeway deceased in due form."

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1	6	6	7

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		2.74½

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	50½	On Beaverdam Cr.
do	"	"	431	Same
do	"	"	43	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	2.00		101.00	.10	
" "	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		43.00	.05	from Wm. Ryan

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1		3	3	

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches
6				1	

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
	1.68½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed James Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James Wright	Bedford	fee	431	Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	43	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	3.02	200	1302.00	1.31	
" "	1.00		43.00	.05	

This record reflects a sale of the 50-1/2 acres purchased by Bedford County Deed 28/379, but the document by which the land was transferred has not as yet been located.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Right with the following household on November 6, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James Right	57	M		Farmer	$2,236
Judith P. Right	32	F			
James E. M. Right	3	M			
Thos. Right	3/12	M			
Henry S. Right	25	M		Labr	
Read Barton	34	M		Labr	
Gemima Barton	26	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

On January 11, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/302 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold 120 acres of land to Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway, and Richard Ridgway:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this eleventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, between James Wright and Judith P. Wright his wife of the county of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part and Peyton Ridgway Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway all of the county and state aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James Wright and Judith P Wright for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents grant, bargain sell and confirm to them the said Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway a certain tract or parcel of land estimated at one hundred and twenty acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to Wit. Beginning on a line between Josiah Nimmo and the said James Wright on a ridge thence a new line along a fence to the road leading from Peatown to Anderson's old mill, thence along said road, to a white oak on a ridge nearly opposite the house the said Ridgway now live in and occupy, thence leaving the said road and along a leading ridge to two white oak stumps on Beaverdam Creek above Anderson's old mill, thence down said creek as it meanders to the mouth of Kates creek, thence up Kates Creek as it meanders to Josiah Nimmo's line, thence along his line to the beginning To have and to hold the aforesaid land and tenements with all and singular the premises and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise thereunto appertaining with every part and parcel thereof to them the said Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway their heirs and assigns forever and the said James Wright and Judith his wife for themselves and their heirs forever doth hereby covenant and agree with the said Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway that he the said James Wright and J. P. Wright will warrant and forever defend the right and

title of the aforesaid land and premises free from the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever to them the said Peyton Ridgway, Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway their heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said James Wright and Judith P Wright have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the date first above written

Signed and acknowledged James Wright
in the presence of Judith P Wright

Bedford County to Wit.

We John Claytor & William Mead Justices of the peace in and for said county do hereby certify that James Wright and Judith P Wright his wife personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, they being parties to a certain deed bearing date on the eleventh day of January 1851 and hereunto annexed the said James Wright acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of Bedford in order that said deed may be recorded and the said Judith P Wright after being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband and after having the deed aforesaid fully explained to to her she the said Judith P Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed delivered the same & that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 11" day of January 1851

Jno Claytor J.P.
William Mead J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County April 28 1851

This writing from James Wright and wife to Peyton Ridgway Abram Ridgway and Richard Ridgway conveying real estate, produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. P. Steptoe C.B.C."

On July 12, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/350 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold to James C. Kasey all of their interest in the estate of James Payn:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 12 day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, between James Wright and his wife Judith Wright of the County of Bedford of the one part and James C Kasey of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred

dollars in hand paid by the said James C Kasey the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James Wright and Judith Wright his wife who have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain sell deliver and confirm unto the said James C Kasey his heirs executors administrators or assigns all their wright title and interest of every kind whether here or elsewhere in the estate of James Payn Decd. both real and personal which interest was secured to Lucinda Payn by the last Will and testament of the said James Payn Decd. and who afterwards intermarried with Jubal Barton and joined her said husband in conveying said interest by deed to sd James Wright. To have and to hold the above described interest both real and personal in and to the estate of the said James Payn Decd. unto the said James C Kasey his heirs executors admrs or assigns the said James Wright and Judith Wright his wife their heirs exrs, and admrs doth covenant and agree to and with the said James C Kasey to warrant and forever defend against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said James Wright and Judith Wright his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day & year above written

James Wright
Judith P Wright

State of Virginia: Bedford County to Wit.

We John Claytor & William Mead Justices of the peace in & for said County do hereby certify that James Wright and Judith P Wright his wife personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid being parties to a certain deed bearing date the 12 day July 1851 and hereunto annexed the said James Wright acknowledged said deed and desired us to certify this his said acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded and the said Judith P Wright being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith P Wright acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and declared that she had willingly signed and sealed said deed and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 12 day of July 1851

Jno Claytor J.P.
William Mead J.P.

At a court held for Bedford County July 28 1851

This writing from James Wright & wife to James C Kasey conveying real estate produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe C.B.C."

This was the property interest purchased by James Wright by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 31/314.

On September 20, 1851, in Bounty Land Warrant #Wt. 36647-80-50 James Wright, aged 57, executed a declaration in support of a bounty land application by John Q. A. Wright, guardian, on behalf of James O. Wright, minor child of John Wright, deceased. As will be seen below, James O. Wright and John Q. A. Wright were children of 1840 John Wright, who in turn was the son of 1803 John Wright. The declaration by James Wright in that application stated that:

> ". . . . the within named John Wright deceased was his uncle, that the said James Wright and his uncle John Wright volunteered at what was called Gills old Field in Bedford County Virginia to serve for an indefinite term under Captain Walter Otey who commanded the company of Cavalry, that they marched from Bedford into service about the last of August 1814 and served as was then called a bidebts (?) marching and reconnoitering the section from Richmond to Hampton Tappahannock Yorktown and Williamsburg H. . . . He knows that the said John Wright died about the 20th of March 1840 leaving no widow that survives him and that the only minor child of the said John Wright deseased is the said James O. Wright who is now under twenty one years of age . . . ."

The only nephew of 1840 John Wright named James was the son of Tommey Wright. This record indicates that 1877 James Wright was born about 1794.

The Bounty Land Warrant of James Wright was #Wt. 2662-80-55 and included two declarations which stated that James Wright served as a private in Captain Walter Otey's Troop of Cavalry from August 22, 1814, to February 22, 1815. The first declaration was dated January 2, 1851, by James Wright, aged 57, and provided as follows:

"State of Virginia)
Bedford County) SS

On this 2nd day of January 1851 personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within & for the County and State aforesaid James Wright aged Fifty seven years a resident of Bedford County in the State of Virginia who being duly Sworn according to law, declares that he is the Identical Person who was a pravate in the Comnpany of Troop Commanded by Capt Walter Oteys in the 10th Regiment of Va Mi & first Division of Cavalry attached to the 4 Brigade commanded by General John H. Cocke in the war with Great Britain that he _____ on or about the 22nd day of August 1814 Volunteered for the term of Six Months & Continued in Actual Service in said war for the term of Six Months & was honorably discharged at Richmond Va on the 22nd day of February 1815 [as?] will appear by his Original Certificate of Discharge herewith presented. He makes this declaration for the purpose of Obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled and in the Act Granting bounty Land to Certain Officers & soldiers who have been Engaged in the Military Service of the United States passed September 28th 1850

James Wright

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written And I hereby certify that I believe the said James Wright to be the Identical Man who served as aforesaid & that he is of the Age Above Stated.

Matthew Pate Jr.

Richmond, February 22, 1815

James Wright a private in my Troop of Cavalry, 10th Regiment, Virginia Militia, first Brigade and first Division of Cavalry, now attached to the 4th Brigade, Commanded by General John H. Cocke, having performed a six months tour of duty, is hereby honorably discharged.

Walter Otey Capt

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) Set

I John R. Steptoe Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that Matthew Pate is a Justice of the peace for said County as before stated and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 20th day of February 1851.

Jno. R. Steptoe Clk.

County of)
State of Virginia)

Know all men by these presents that I James Wright of Bedford County, State of Virginia do hereby irrevocably make Constitute & appoint Elias James of Bedford County & State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney, for me & in my name & for my benefit to demand & receive from the Department of the Interior of the United States, the Certificate or warrant to which I may be entitled for my Military Services as Set forth in the accompanying declaration, Hereby Revoking and Countermanding any other power of attorney or Authority that may have been heretofore given by me for the above specified purpose.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2nd day of January 1851

Andrew Cooker) James Wright
William Dearey) Witness

On this 2nd day of January 1851 Personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the Peace duly Authorized by Law to take acknowledgements in & for the County & State aforesaid James Wright and Acknowledged the Above Power of Attorney to be his free act of deed for the purpose therein mentioned.

Matthew Pate"

The birth record of Sophia, a slave of James Wright was dated in January 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Sophia
Date of Birth:	January 1853
Color:	Colored
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	James Wright
Mother's Name:	Amy"

On February 24, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/287 James Wright purchased the interest of Adam and Mary Jane Feather and Thomas and Mary Dooley in the estates of James and Nancy Asbury:

"We Adam Feather and Mary Jane his Wife Thomas Dooley and Mary his Wife of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia for and in consideration of the Sum of fifty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt Whereof We do hereby acknowledge hath bargained and sold & by these presents do bargain Sell and release unto James Wright his heirs and assigns forever all our right, title and interest in the estate of James and Nancy Asbury both real and personal and We Adam Feather and Mary Jane his Wife & Thomas Dooley & Mary his Wife bind ourselves our heirs Executors &c to Warrant and defend the aforesaid interest to James Wright & to his heirs and assigns forever against the claim or claims of ourselves our heirs, and against the claim or claims of any other person or persons Whatsoever. In testimony Whereof We have hereunto affixed our hands & seals this 24th day of February 1853

Teste
Jno Claytor
R A See

Adam P Feather
her
Mary J X Feather
mark
his
Thomas X Dooley
mark
Mary Dooley

Bedford County To Wit

I John Claytor a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid do hereby Certify that Adam P Feather and Thomas Dooley parties to a certain deed bearing date the 24th day of February 1853 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act & deed and desired me to certify Said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the county court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under my hand this 24th day of February 1853

Jno Claytor JP

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court October 22nd 1853

This deed from Adam P Feather and Mary Jane Feather his Wife and Thomas Dooley and Mary Dooley his Wife to James Wright conveying their interest in the estate of James and Nancy Asbury Was produced in the Said office and admitted to record as to Adam P Feather and Thomas Dooley parties thereto upon the Certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On March 3, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/232 James Wright purchased the interest of John and Amy Vest in the estates of James and Nancy Asbury:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 3rd of March 1853 Between John Vest & Amy his Wife of the County of Botetourt & State of Virginia of the one part and James Wright of Bedford county and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the Sum of One hundred dollars cash in hand paid by the said James Wright the receipt Whereof they do hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained & sold & by these presents doth give grant bargain sell & Confirm unto him the said James Wright his heirs Exor admrs or assigns all their interest in & to the estate of James Asbury & Nancy his Wife Deceased it being the interest purchased by me of William Kirk & Wife both real and personal and also all their claims right title & interest in & to the estate Which they the Said John Vest & Amy his Wife may lawfully be entitled to at the death of Nancy Asbury Widow of James Asbury Decd to have & to hold the aforesaid interest both real & personal to the Same extent that the said John Vest & Amy his Wife could have claimed unto him the said James Wright his heirs Exors, admrs & assigns forever & the Said John Vest & Amy his Wife doth for themselves their heirs Exors admrs &c covenant to & With the Said James Wright to forever Warrant & defend the right & title of the aforesaid interest Whatever it may be unto him the Said James Wright his heirs & assigns forever against the claims of themselves their heirs or either of their heirs & of every person or manner of persons Whatsoever. In Witness Whereof We have hereunto Set our hands and Seals the day & date first above Written

John Vest
Amy her X mark Vest

In the Clerks office of the County Court of Botetourt County the 2nd day of May 1853. This deed Was this day exhibited in Said office & Was acknowledged by John Vest and Amy Vest his Wife parties thereto. Said Amy Vest being first examined by me privily & apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her. She the said Amy Vest acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that She had Willingly Signed Sealed & delivered the Same & does not Wish to retract it and With the Said John Vest desired me to Certify their said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded

Teste
Jno W Wolty D Clerk

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 25th day of August 1853 This deed from John Vest and Amy Vest his Wife to James Wright Was produced in the said office together With the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On March 12, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/288 James Wright purchased the interest of Joseph D. Feather, Jr., in the estates of James and Nancy Asbury:

"We Joseph Feather Jr and ____ his Wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the sum thirty five dollars to us in hand paid the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and Sold and by these presents do bargain Sell and release unto James Wright his heirs and assigns forever all our right title and interest in the estate of James & Nancy Asbury both real and personally and We Joseph Feather Jr and ____ his Wife bind ourselves our heirs executors &c to Warrant and defend the aforesaid interest to James Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims of ourselves our heirs and assigns forever and against the claim or claims of any other person or persons Whatsoever. In testimony Whereof We have hereunto affixed our hands and Seals 12th day of March 1853

Joseph D Feather Jr

Bedford County To Wit

I John Claytor a Justice of the peace for the county of Bedford do hereby Certify that Joseh D Feather party to Certain Writing bearing date the 12th day of March 1853 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the Same to be his act and deed & desired me to Certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under my hand this 12th day of March 1853

Jno. Claytor JP

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 22nd October 1853

This deed from Joseph Feather Jr to James Wright conveying his interest in the estate of James & Nancy Asbury Was produced in the said office together With the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The second declaration in Bounty Land Warrant #2662-80-55 was dated March 22, 1853 (1855?), by James Wright, aged 61, and provided as follows:

"State of Virginia)
County of Bedford)

On this 22nd day of March in the year 1853 personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, James Wright aged Sixty one years a Resident of Bedford County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to Law, declares that he is the identical James Wright who was a private (in the Company commanded by Captain Walter Otey in the 10th Regiment of Virginia Volunteers commanded by Major Woodford in the war with Great Britian declared by the United States of America on the 18th day of June in the year 1812) for the term of six months & continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months. He also that he has heretofore made application for bounty land Warrant under the act of Congress passed September 20th 1850 and received a warrant Number 24416 for eighty acres issued December 17th 1851 which he has since legally disposed of & cannot now return.

He makes this Declaration in order to obtain the additional bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act of congress in Relation Boundary Land Warrants approved 3rd March in the year 1855.

James Wright

We Henry C. Dickinson & William Scruggs Residents of Bedford County in the state of Virginia declare on our oaths that we were present and saw the within foregoing Declaration signed & that we believe from the appearance and statements of the Claimant he is the identical person he represents himself to be. Given under our hands this 22nd March 1853.

Henry C. Dickinson
William Scruggs

Bedford County

State of Virginia

The foregoing affidavits and Declaration were signed and acknowledged before me on the day & year above written, & I further certify that the affiants are credible persons & that the claimant is the person he represents him self to be. Given under my hand in my County aforesaid as Justice of the Peace this 22nd March in the year 1855.

Fredr E. Aunspaugh J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) ss

I Alban A Arthur clerk of the County Court in the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Fredth Aunspaugh is and was at the time of Signing the above certificate an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Bedford duly Commissioned & qualified as such & that the signature purporting to be his, is his genuine Signature.

Given under my hand & the seal of said Court this 22nd day of March 1855.

A. A. Arthur Clk

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) Set

I John R. Steptoe Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that Matthew Pates is a Justice of the Peace for said County as herefore stated and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

Given ____ my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st day of February 1851.

Jno. R. Steptoe Clk."

"Liberty March 22nd 1853

Dear Sir

When the warrant is issued on the within pension please send it to me Chamblissburg Bedford County Virginia by so doing you will yours.

James Wright"

On August 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/309 James Wright and Judith P. Wright executed a deed to clear title to certain property sold to John Bradley:

"This Deed made the day of 13th in the August 1853 Between James Wright and Judith his wife in their own right and James Wright as trustee in a deed of trust executed by Richard Bradly in his life time bearing date on the 22nd August 1846 and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford of the first part and John Bradly of the second part Witnesseth that the said James Wright & Judith P his wife in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars & fifty cents did sell to Richard Bradly with a general warranty title the tract of land herein after described which said purchase money was duly paid but no deed made to Richard Bradly in his life time afterwards the said Richard Bradly did execute the deed of trust herein before mentioned securing John Bradly as his security for certain debts due Stephen C Hurt & Co & he the said James Wright as trustee in the deed of trust aforesaid being thereto required after advertising the said land agreeable to the provisions in the said deed of trust did sell on the the premises on the 24th day of September 1849 by way of publick auction to John Bradly he being the highest bidder the tract of land herein after described with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging subject to the dower right and claim of Sally Bradly the wife of Richard Bradly for the Sum of One hundred dollars and fifty cents said land lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cates creek and Bounded as follows. Beginning at a white oak on the south side of Cates creek thence down said creek as it meanders to a small branch on the south side of said creek corner to Richard McCormuck thence along his lines S 50 E 4-1/2 poles to a hickory S 3 W 28 poles crossing a branch to a spanish S 24-1/2 W 24 poles to a white oak S 84 W 15 poles to a white oak S 32 E 21-1/2 poles to an ash on Boards Spring branch thence up said Branch as it meanders to a small White oak by a large rock thence along Carners line N 41-3/4 E 47 poles to pointers on a ridge N 23 E 39 poles to a white oak N 9-1/4 W 12 poles to Bowls corner red oak thence along Chapmans lines to Robert Nimo Sr. corner in said line thence along his line to the first Station containing Seventy four and three fourth acres be the same more or less. It being the same place whereon Richard Bradly formerly resided. As Witness the following seals and signatures

James Wright
Judith P Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

I John Claytor Justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid certify that James Wright in his own right and as trustee in a deed of trust executed to him by Richard Bradly and whose named is signed in both capacities to the within

writing bearing date on the 13 day of August 1853 has acknowledged the same before us in our State aforesaid. Given under our hands this 13th day of August 1853

Jno Claytor J.P.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We John Claytor & Isaac James Junr Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Judith Wright the wife of James Wright whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date on the 13th day of Augst 1853 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith P Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 13th day of August 1853.

Jno Claytor J.P.
Isaac James Jr JP.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 28th day of September 1857. This Deed from James Wright and wife in their own right and James Wright as trustee to John Bradley conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificates thereto annexed & admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

The birth record of Lettitia Wright, a slave of James Wright, was dated in 1854 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Lettitia Wright
Date of Birth:	1854/00/00
Status:	Slave
Owner:	James Wright"

The birth record of Nicholas, a slave of James Wright, was dated on April 25, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Nicholas
Date of Birth:	April 25, 1854
Color:	Colored

Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	James Wright"

On August 14, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/488 Celia (Wright) Wright appointed James Wright her attorney in fact to act for her in connection with the estate of her father 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County:

> "Know all men by these presents that I Celia Wright of the County of Lawrence and State of Missouri have for divers good causes and considerations, are hereunto having nominated made constituted and appointed, and by these, do nominate make constitute and appoint James Wright of the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, my true effectual, and lawful attorney, in fact, for me, and in my name, place room, and stead, to ask for demand, receive, and receipt for all monies, due me by note, bill bond, assignment, endorsement, book account or otherwise, in Said County of Bedford, and State of Virginia from any person, or persons, Whatever, but more particularly to collect all money due me, from the estate of Anthony Wright decd. as one of the heirs of said Anthony Wright, of the administrator or Commissioner of Said estate, and upon Said administrator or Commissioner, or any one, or more, or all of my said debtors, refusing to pay my said attorney upon demand the money due by of the ways herein mentioned, then due in that case, my said attorney is hereby constituted empowered and directed to institute, and carry on any suit in law or equity necessary for the recovery of my monies for the proper obtaining of Judgment and final recovery of said moneys or any part thereof, and to give releases and acquittances receipt, and discharges and any other matter, or thing, necessary in and about the premises, hereby ratifying making effectual and confirming whatever my said attorney may lawfully do, in and about the premises, in as a full and ample a manner, as if I myself were personally present. In Witness whereof the said Celia Wright hath hereunto set her hand and Seal this 14th day of August A.D. 1855.

Celia her X Mark Wright

State of Missouri)
Lawrence County)

This day personally appeared before me Reuben Stringer an acting Justice of the peace in and for Lawrence County, Celia Wright who is personally known to me, to be the person whose name is subscribed to foregoing instrument of writing, as a party thereto and acknowledged that she executed the same for the

uses and purposes therein mentioned given under my hand this 14th day of August 1855.

Reuben Stringer J. P.

State of Missouri)
County of Lawrence) S.S.

I William W. Gay Clerk of the County Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that Reuben String Esqr. before whom the acknowledged was made, and executed, and who has Subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned and Sworn, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name, and affixed the Seal of the County Court, for the County aforesaid this 17th day of August 1855.

Wm. W. Gay Gay
Clk County Court

State of Missouri)
County of Lawrence) S.S.

I David E. Gibson presiding Justice of the County Court of Lawrence, certify that William W. Gay whose genuine Signature appears to the foregoing certificate was at the date thereof Clerk of said Court and that his attestation is in due form, and by the proper officer.

Given under my hand this 17th day of August A D 1855.

David E. Gibson
President,

In the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court the 4th day of September 1855. This writing from Celia Wright, to James Wright (P Atty.) was produced in the office, together with the certificates thereto annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

The James Wright of this power of attorney is identified as probably 1877 James Wright because he was the cousin of Celia (Wright) Wright.

The birth record of Charles, a slave of James Wright, was dated in September 1855 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Charles
Date of Birth:	September 1855
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	James Wright
No. at Birth:	1"

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Judith P. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run 5reek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner.
>
> Fourthly. I Will and bequeathe to Judith P. Wright and my two Grand Children Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. N. T. K. Turner my tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, adjoining the lands of Jefferson Thomason, William Thomason, James Dickinson and others, one half to belong to Judith P Wright and the other half to be equally divided between Angelina and John W. Turner. . . ."

The birth record of ____, twin son of Amy and a slave of James Wright, was dated on May 17, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	May 17, 1856
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Jas Wright

Owner's Occupation: Farmer
Owner's Residence: Bedford
Mother's Name: Amy
No. at Birth: 2
Informant: Owner"

The birth record of ____, twin daughter of Amy and a slave of James Wright, was dated on May 17, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: ____ Wright
Date of Birth: May 17, 1856
Status: Slave
Sex: Female
Born: Alive
Place of Birth: Bedford
Owner's Name: Jas Wright
Owner's Occupation: Farmer
Owner's Residence: Bedford
Mother's Name: Amy
No. at Birth: 2
Informant: Owner"

The death record of an unnamed slave of James Wright was dated in May 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: ____
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: James Wright
Sex: Male
Date of Death: May 1856
Place of Death: Bedford
Age: 2 years
Born: Bedford
Informant: Jas. Wright
Designation of Informant: Owner"

The death record of a second unnamed slave of James Wright was dated in May 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: ____
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: James Wright
Sex: Female

Date of Death: May 1856
Place of Death: Bedford
Age: 1 month
Born: Bedford
Informant: Jas. Wright
Designation of Informant: Owner"

The death record of Charles, a slave of James Wright, was dated in October 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Charles
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: James Wright
Sex: Male
Date of Death: Octo 1856
Place of Death: Bedford
Age: 1
Born: Bedford
Informant: Jas. Wright
Designation of Informant: Owner"

The birth record of R. F. Ellen Wright, daughter of James and Judith P. Wright, was dated in November 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	R. F. Ellen Wright
Date of Birth:	November 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Jas Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Judith P.
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On July 20, 1857, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 25/199 James Wright purchased 228 acres of land from John H. Adkins and his wife Susan Adkins:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 20" day of July 1857 between John H. Adkins and Susan Adkins his wife of the one part and James Wright Sr of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty

eight hundred and Sixty two Dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge hath given granted and sold and by these presents doth give grant and sell unto him the aforesaid James Wright one certain track or parcel of land in Franklin County on the North side of Gills Creek, containing two hundred and twenty eight acres three Rods and twenty three poles be the same more or less and bounded as follows To Wit: Begining at A. on the bank of Gills Creek, thence with Divers line E 36.60 poles to B. a white oak, thence N 73 E 29.70 poles to C a locus slote, thence N 10.15 E 95 poles to D a post oak, thence N 79◦ 50 E 96.50 poles to E a spanish oak thence with A. Ferguson's line N 34 West 50 poles to F. at the Turnpike where formily stood a black Jack, thence up said Turnpike as it meanders N 87 West 14 poles N. 40.30 West 70 poles N 75 West 16 poles West 86 poles to G. at A Childress' line, thence with his line and leving the Turnpike S 27 West 19.20 poles to a white oak, thence South 78.30 West 63 poles to I a rock, thence with the Factory line S 6.30 West 77 poles to J a rock, thence S 17 W 8 poles to K a white oak, thence S 31.40 W crossing a branch at 4 poles and nother branch at 43 poles in all 84.50 poles to L at Gill's Creek thence down the same as it meanders, S 60 E 7 poles S 35 E 17 poles S 37 E 6 poles S 16 E 12 poles S 6 E 5 poles S 21.30 W 8 poles S 7 E 10 poles E 7 poles N 53.30 E 18 poles N 61.30 E 19 poles N 38.30 E crossing a branch at 14 poles in all 34 pole N 54 E 8 poles S 67.30 E 9 poles N 76.30 E 13 poles S 9 E 7 poles S 38 E 8 poles to A the begining. To have and to hold the aforesaid bargin land and the appertenances unto him the aforesaid James Wright Sr. his heirs and assigns forever and the aforesaid John A. Adkins and _____ his wife doth warrant and defend a good and lawful wright and title In fee simple the aforesaid track of land unto the aforesaid James Wright against the claim of either of us and all other person whatsoever as witness our hand and seal day and year above written.

his
John X A. Adkins
mark
Susan Adkins

County of Franklin To Wit:

I Sam. Hale a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do Certify that John A. Adkins whose name is signed to the writing anexed bearing date on the 20" day of July 1857, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand 25" day of July 1857.

Saml. Hale J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Franklin)

We Saml. Hale and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia, do certify that Susan Adkins the wife of John A. Adkins whose names are signed to the writing anexed bearing date on the 20" day of July 1857, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Susan Adkins acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands 25" day of July 1857.

Saml. Hale J.P.
Lewis Dillion J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 4th day of January 1858.

This Deed from John A. Adkins and Susan his wife to James Wright Senr was exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.C"

On July 25, 1857, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 25/191 James Wright purchased a further 19 acres of land from John H. Adkins and his wife Elizabeth M. Adkins:

This Indenture made and entered into this 25" day of July 1857 between John H. Adkins and Elizabeth M Adkins his wife of the one part and James Wright Sr of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and twenty five Dollars to them in hand paid the recpt. whereof is hereby acknowledge hath given granted and sold and by these presets doth give grant and sell unto him the aforesaid James Wright one certain track or parcel of land in Franklin County on the South side of Gills Creek Containing Nineteen Acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows To Wit: Begining at a Sikamore Stup formily a Stake on Gill's branch thence N 10 W 22 poles to a hickery called for but it is fallen down thence N 27° E 84.80 poles to a horn beam on the South bank of Gill's Creek, thence down said Creek as it meanders S 41° 30 E 21 poles thence So 19° E 16 poles thence S 13 W 10.20 poles thence S 14° E 13 poles to the mouth of Gill's branch thence S 67 E 7 poles,

thence E 4 poles thence N 69 E 8 poles thence N 51 E 14 poles to a white oak on the South bank of Gill's Creek called for but has fallen down, thence leaving the bank S 34° E about 3 or 4 poles, thence a new line off, runing with a fence on the South side of Gills branch, S 55 W 26 poles to a poplar near a branch, thence S 79 W 15 poles to a small persimmon bush, thence S 62 W 10 poles to a white oke, thence S 65 W 25 poles to a walnut, thence S 45 W 20 poles to the begining. Be the same more or less, together with all and singular the appertenance thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold to him the said James Wright his heirs and assigns forever free from the claim of said Adkins & Wife and thare heirs and assigns and from the claim or claims of all other persons whomsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said John H Adkins and Elizabeth M. Adkins hath hereto set thare hands and affixed thar sels this day and said year above written.

John H. Adkins
Elizabeth M. Adkins

County of Franklin To Wit

I Saml. Heald a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that John H. Adkins whose names is signed to writing above bearing date on the 25" day of July 1857 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1857.

Saml. Heald J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Franklin)

We Saml. Hale and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia, do certify that Elizabeth M. Adkins the wife of John H. Adkins, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 25" day of July 1857 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privally and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth M. Adkins acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and that she had willingly executed the same and dos not wish to retract the same Given under our hands this 7" day of August 1857.

Saml. Hale J.P.
Lewis Dillion J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 4" day of January 1858.

This Deed from John H. Adkins and Elizabeth M. his wife to James Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott cfc"

On January 15, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/137 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold 151 acres of land to James Dickinson:

"This Indenture made this 15th day of January in the year 1858 between James Wright of the County of Franklin and Judith P Wright his wife of the one part, and James Dickinson of the County of Bedford of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James Wright and Judith P his wife for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and forty six dollars and forty seven cts good & lawful money of the united States to them in hand paid by the said James Dickinson at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, and thereof acquit and forever discharge the said James Dickinson his Heirs executors and administrators by these presents have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed and by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said James Dickinson and unto his heirs and assigns forever one half of a certain lot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia and containing in all one hundred and fifty one acres one rood and six poles, bounded as follows by Wm Thomasson to wit. Beginning at South side of Beaverdam Creek at A at pointers thence N 17-1/2 E 42.80 poles to B at pointers thence N 7 E +ing a branch at 44 poles in all 88 poles to C a red oak Stump on a road, thence along said road as it meanders N 13-1/2 E 20 poles N 42 E 20 poles S 85 E 22 poles to D. a red oak, thence off from road N 33 E 38.50 poles to E a maple on Beaver Dam creek thence down said creek as it meanders S 73-1/2 E 6 poles N 33 E 25 poles S 53-1/2 E 12 poles S 74 E 20 poles S 10 E 16 poles S 36 W 14 poles S 83 W 12 poles S 3 E 28 poles S 31 E 36 poles S 16 E 40 poles S 4 E 37 poles to the mouth of a branch, thence on down the creek S 10 poles S 13 E 18 poles to F where formally Stood a spanish oak thence off from said Creek S 36-1/4 W 45 poles to G a white oak thence N 74 W 132 poles to the first Station, together with one half of all the estate, right title, interest and property, claim and demand whatever, of them the said James Wright and Judith P his wife in law or equity or otherwise however of into or out of the same, to have and to hold one half of the said lot piece or parcel of land and one half of every part and parcel thereof with there appurtenances unto the said James Dickinson his heirs and assigns forever and unto the only proper use and behoof of him the said James Dickinson his heirs and assigns forever and

the said James Wright for himself his heirs executors and administrators and for and in behalf of the said Judith P his wife and her heirs doth covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said James Dickinson his heirs and assigns by these presents in manner and form following to wit that he the said James Wright & his heirs one half of the said lot, piece, or parcel of land and premises hereby granted or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said James Dickinson his heirs and assigns against him the said James Wright and his heirs and against the heirs of the said Judith P his wife and against all and every person or persons whatever, will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this date above written

James Wright
Judith P Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

I James M Matthews a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia do certify that James Wright whose name is signed to the writing abov bearing date on the 15" day of January 1858 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 15th day of January 1858

James M Matthews JP.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We Peter M Wright and James M Matthews Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Judith P Wright wife of James Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 15th of January 1858 and hereto annexed & being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the same fully explained to her said she had willingly executed the same and wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands this 14" day of June 1858

Peter M Wright J.P.
James M. Matthews J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27" day of September 1858 This Deed from James Wright to James Dickinson conveying real estate was produced in Court together with the certificates thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

This record in conjunction with the birth record of their daughter R. F. Ellen Wright indicates that James Wright and Judith P. (Wright) Wright moved from Bedford County to Franklin County between November 1856 and January 15, 1858.

On September 29, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/466 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold 237 acres of land to Samuel Harris:

"This Deed made the 29th day of September 1858 between James Wright and Judy P. Wright his wife of the County of Franklin and Samuel Harris of the County of Bedford. Witnesseth that in consideration of twenty three hundred & seventy nine Dollars the said James Wright and Judy his wife doth grant unto the said Samuel Harris a tract of Land situated in the County of Bedford, lying on Beaver dam creek and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning about 2 poles above the mouth of a small branch on Beaver dam thence up said branch nearly as it meanders N. 86 E. 49 poles to a poplar on said branch S. 83-1/2 E. 43.20 poles to a dead white oak S. 80-3/4 E. 47.40 poles to stake & stone pile near a fence thence N. 34-1/4 E. 40 poles to a small red oak and stump at figure 5. S. 51-1/4 E. 70 poles to a black oak on side of a road S. 18 W. 20.30 poles to a white oak S. 4 W. 146 poles to a small pine on side of road, along said road with Ridgways line W. 17 poles N. 57-1/2 W. 12 poles N. 48 W. 22 poles S. 79-1/2 W. 8 poles S 69 W 6 poles to a road S. 28 W. 24 poles S. 72 W. 22 poles S 48 W 14 poles to a white Oak thence off from road S. 68 W. 29 poles to a post oak S. 89 W. 23.40 poles to a white oak & dogwood thence new line N 18 W. 28.88 poles to a poplar & gum in a hollow N. 1-3/4 W. 22.80 poles to 2 Sorrels N. 38-1/2 W 23.32 poles to pine & hickory N. 15-1/4 W. 26 poles to Playged Elders on a branch down said branch S. 58-1/2 W. 13.36 poles to blazed Ivy N. 25-1/4 W. 42 poles to post oak N 3 W 58 poles white oak (formerly) N. 14 W. 30 poles to pointers on the West fork of Beaverdam Creek N 74 E 16-1/2 poles to the beginning=containing 237 acres 3 roods and 36 poles, be the same more or less and we the said James Wright & Judy Wrigh his wife do hereby convey with general warrantee. Witness the following signatures & seals

James Wright
Judith P. Wright

Virginia:
Franklin County to wit

I Lewis Dillion a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Va do certify James Wright whoes name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 29 day of September 1858 has acknowl the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1858

Lewis Dillion JP.

County of Franklin to wit.

We Lewis Dillion and J. E. McGuire Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Judith P Wright the wife of James whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 29 day of September 1858 personly appeard before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privertly and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith P. Wright acknowledg the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 20th day of November 1858

Lewis Dillion J.P.
J. E. McGuire JP"

On March 3, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/178 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold two parcels of 51 acres of land and 41 acres of land to Joseph W. Mays:

"This Deed made this 3rd day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred & Sixty between James Wright and his wife Judith P of Franklin County parties of the first part, and Joseph W. Mays of Bedford County party of the second part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred & Seventy eight dollars & Six cts The said James Wright and Judith P. his wife doth grant unto the said Joseph W Mays with general warranty all their right and title in two certain lots pieces or parcels of land lying and bounded as follows, adjoining the lands of Joel Wright and others, and Samuel Harris and others situated on Beaver dam Creek in the County of Bedford Virginia Beginning at about 2 poles above the mouth of a small branch entering in to the said creek nearly as it meanders N 86 E. 49 poles to a poplar in said Branch thence S. 83-1/2 E. 43.20 poles to a dead white oak, thence S. 80-3/4 E. 47.40 poles to a stake and stone pile on fence thence N 34-1/4 E. 40 poles to a small red oak and stump at figure one, on the platt, thence from 1 to 2 N. 84-1/2 W. 19 poles to a white oak, thence N 78 W. 20 poles to a dead white oak, thence N. 58 W. 12 poles N. 35 W. 34 poles N. 66 W. 10 poles N 33. W 16 poles to a white oak in a branch, thence

down said branch as it meanders N 67-1/2 W. 14-1/2 poles to a spanish oak on Beaver dam Creek thence down said creek as it meanders S. 7 E. 7 poles S. 47 W 7 poles S 55 W 15 poles S 64 W 40 poles S 40 W 10 poles S 5 E. 31 poles S 14 W. 12 poles to the first station containing fifty one acres one rood and fifteen poles = The next lot Beginning at a post oak represented on the platt at figure one thence from 1 to 2 S. 24-1/4 E. 42 poles to a branch and blazed Ivy thence up said branch N 58-1/2 E 13.60 poles to blazed elders, thence S. 15-1/2 E. 26 poles to a pine and hickory S 38-1/2 E 23.32 poles to two Sorrels S. 1-3/4 E. 22.80 poles to a poplar and gum in a hollow thence S. 18 E. 28:88 poles to a white oak dogwood in Richard Ridgways line thence along his line S 89 W 8:60 poles thence S 75-3/4 W. 57 poles to Beaver Dam creek, thence up said creek as it meanders N 39 E. 32 poles N 44 W 26 poles N 64-1/2 W. 18 poles N 16 W 28 poles N 25-1/4 E. 57 poles to the first station. Containing forty one acres, three roods and twenty nine poles = Witness the following signatures and seals

James Wright
Judith P. Wright

Franklin County to wit

I ____ a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that James Wright whoes name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 3 day of March 1860 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid = Given under my hand this 3 day of March 1860

Sam. Hale J.P.

Franklin County to wit:

We Sam Hale & Seth E McGuire Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Judith P. Wright wife of James Wright whoes names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 3 day of March 1860, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith P. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it = Given under our hands this 3rd day of March 1860

Sam Hale J.P.
Seth E McGuire J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks office March 26th 1860

This deed from James Wright & Judith P. his wife to Joseph W. Mays conveying real Estate was produced in said Office & together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur"

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
James Wright	Franklin	fee	19	
James Wright	"	"	228	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Gills Creek	18 NE	4.35		8265.00	.33
Gills Creek	158 NE	7.00	500	1601.25	6.41

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

This record reflects the purchase of 19 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 25/191 and 228 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 25/199.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on July 25, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jas Wright	64	M		Farmer	5000
Judith P. Wright	43	F			
James E. M. Wright	12	M			
Thos H. Wright	7	M			
O. R. F. H. Wright	3	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
12,068					
				1	
				1	

This record indicates that James Wright was born in about 1796 and that Judith P. (Wright) Wright was born in about 1817.

On January 9, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 28/260 James Wright and Judith P. Wright sold to Sarah C. Walrond two tracts of land for 127 acres and 19 acres:

> "This deed made this 9th day of January 1868 between James Wright and Judith P. Wright his wife of the first part and Sarah C. Walrond infant and only heir of Jubal Walrond deed of the other part. Witnesseth that the said James Wright and Judith P Wright his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of Ten thousand dollars in confederate money whitch was paid to the said James Wright by the said Jabal Waldrond about the begining of the year 1864 the said James Wright and Judith P Wright his wife do grant unto the said Sarah C. Walrond all of two certain tracts of land lying on Gills Creek in Franklin County, one for two hundred and twenty acres three rods and twenty three poles purchased by the said James Wright of John A. Adkins as may be scene by reference to a deed from said Adkins and wife to Said Wright and recorded in the clerks office of said County (See deed book No 25 page 197) to whitch deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said land; and another tract containing nineteen acres purchased by said Wright of John H. Adkins and also of record in the said office (See deed book No 25 page 189) to whitch deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description from last mentioned tract. The land hereby conveyed is the samee land lately in controvery between the said Wright and the said Sarah C. Walrond and Mary Walrond in the circuit court of Franklin and which the said Wright was ordered to convey to the Said Sarah C. Walrond by decree of the circuit court pronounced the 19th day of October 1867. And the said James Wright and Judith P. Wright his wife covenant that they will warrant generally the land hereby conveyed
>
> James Wright
> Judith P. Wright

In the clerk's office of Franklin County court the 9th day of January 1868. This deed from James Wright and Judith P. his wife to Sarah C. Walrond was acknowledged in the said office by the aid James Wright and admitted to record as to him (Internal Revenue Stamps placed on deed as prescribed by Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C."

On November 13, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/229 Judith Wright and her children James E. M. Wright and Thomas H. Wright purchased 135 acres of land:

"This deed made this 13" day of November 1868 between John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emeline his wife of the County of Douglas and State of Kansas of the one part and Judith P Wright wife of James Wright and James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright children of the said Judith P Wright of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred dollars the said John Kinsey as attorney as aforesaid doth grant and convey to the said Judith P Wright during her natural life at her deth to her children James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Back run containing One hundred and thirty five acres 3 Roods and 25 poles being the same land assigned to the said Isaac Flora out of the lands of which Joseph Flora died seized and possessed and is designated in the partition of said lands as "Lot No 1 of the Ross Tract" the said partition being recorded in the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court to which reference is made for the metes and bounds of the land hereby conveyed. And it is covenanted and agreed that a lien is retained upon the land hereby conveyed until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures and seal (Erasures made before signing)

John Kinsey

Franlin County to wit

We Riley Frailin and Courtland Cabaniss Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that John Kinsey attorney for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora the wife of Isaac Flora whoes names are signed to the within riting baring date on the 13" day of November 1868 and the said John Kinsey hav acknowledged the same before us as attorney in our County aforsaid. Given under our hands and seals this 13" November 1868

Riley Frailin J P
Courtland Cabaniss J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 24" day of December 1874

This deed from John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora his wife to Judith P Wright James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with U S Internal Revenue stamps of the value of one dollar affixed was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carkey C F C"

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on October 10, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James Wright	77	M	W	Farmer	600
Judith Wright	50	F	W	Keeping house	
James Wright	23	M	W	Farm laborer	
Thomas Wright	20	M	W	Farm laborer	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
200	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
		1	

This record indicates that James Wright was born in about 1793 and that Judith P. (Wright) Wright was born in about 1820.

On July 3, 1871, James Wright executed Pension Application #W.C. 21977 which referred to his service from September 1813 (1814?) through February 1814 (1815?). His age was listed as 78 and further stated that he married Judith P. Wright on June 25, 1844, at Franklin County, Virginia, and that his residence was Retreat, Franklin County, Virginia. The full text of the application provided as follows:

"Declaration For Pension -- War Of 1812

State of Virginia, County of Franklin, SS:

On this 3rd day of July, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, personally appeared before me James J. Carter Clerk, of the County Court of Franklin, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, James Wright, aged 78 years a resident of _____ the _____ county of Franklin, State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married that his wife's name was Judith P. Wright, to whom he was married at Franklin Co Va, on the 25th day of June, 1844 (1846?); that he served the full period of sixty days in the Military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical James Wright who enlisted in Captail Walter Otey's company, tenth regiment, Va Militia brigade, ____ division, at Bedford Co Va, on the __ day of September, 1813, and was honorably discharged at Richmond Va, on the __ day of February, 1814, that his discharge is filed with his application for land warrant in Washington City DC Brigade & Division not reccollected. Applicant was enroute with his Regiment when the public buildings &c were burned and destroyed by the British in December 1813, at Tappahanock Va on Rappahanock River that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States: and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, James Wright of Retreat Va his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Retreat, county of

Franklin State of Virginia; that his domicile or place of abode is near Gogginsville, Va.

Attest:
_____ James Wright, Applicant
_____

Also, personally appeared Caleb Noell residing at No. _, in _____ street, in _____, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw James Wright, the claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said Claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Caleb Noell
J. A. Saul

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3d day July, A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indrect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said county court of Franklin the 3d day of July 1871.

Jas J. Carter C.C.

The Claimant served about 3 months at Camp Mitchel near Richmond one month at Williamsburg thre contracted a disease from the measels which he never has gotten over.

J.W."

On August 27, 1875, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/399 Judith P. Wright relinquished her dower in the land sold on January 9, 1868, by Franklin County, Virginia, Deed 28/260:

"Virginia
In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 27" day of August 1875

I James J Carper Clerk of the County Court of Franklin County, do certify that Judith P Wright whose name is signed to a deed from James Wright and Judith P Wright his wife to Sarah C Walrond bearing date on the 9" day of January 1868, this day personally appeared before me in my said office, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Judith P Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willing executed the same, and that she does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this the 27" day of August 1875 said deed is admitted to record as to said Judith P Wright.

Teste
Jas J Carper C F C"

The death certificate of James S. Wright was dated on July 19, 1877, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Health - Division of Vital Records

Certification of Death

Transcript of a record of death secured by the Commissioner of the Revenue between 1853 and 1896 as required by Chapter 104, Page 846, Section 21, Code of 1873, Acts of 1852, and now in the keeping of the Virginia Division of Vital Records, in accordance with Chapter 118, Page 226, Acts of 1918.

Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	36
Name of Deceased:	James S. Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	85 years, 3 months, and 6 days
Date of Death:	July 19, 1877
Place:	Franklin
Cause of Death:	Heart Disease
Name of Parents:	Thomas and Cintha Wright
Birthplace of Deceased:	Bedford
Occupation:	Farmer
Consort of:	Married
Name of Informant:	Not Stated

Relation of Informant:	Son
Commissioner of the Revenue:	John C. Hall
Date Record Filed:	Between 1877 and 1896"

This record indicates that 1877 James S. Wright was born on April 13, 1792, at Bedford County, Virginia. This is the only record that listed James Wright's name as James S. Wright and it remains uncertain whether his middle initial was "S".

On May 3, 1878, Judith P. Wright, aged 60 years, executed a Claim of Widow For Service Pension in which she stated that she married James Wright on June 17, 1846, at Franklin County, Virginia, that her maiden name was Judith P. Wright, and that James Wright had been married previously to Eliza Ann Burford of Amherst County, Virginia, who had died on September 22, 1845. Judith further stated that James Wright lived in Bedford County, Virginia, until 1858 and thereafter in Franklin County, Virginia, and that he died on July 19, 1877, at Franklin County, Virginia. The full text of the application provided as follows:

"War Of 1812
Claim Of Widow For Service Pension,
Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740,
(inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the
Act of March 9th, 1878

N.B. - All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof; and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of Virginia)
County of Franklin) SS:

On this third day of May, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Eight, personally appeared before me G H T Green Clerk of the Circuit Court for Franklin County, the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Judith P. Wright aged 60 years, a resident of Franklin County, in the State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) James Wright deceased, who was the identical (3) James Wright, who served under the name of (4) James Wright as a (5) private in the company commanded by Captain W. Otey, in the ____ Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by _____, in the war of 1812; that her said husband (6) volunteered at Bedford County Va on or about the __ day of

_____, A.D. ____, for the term of ____, and continued in actual service is aid war for the term of (7) _____, and whose services terminated, by reason of (8) honorable discharge, at _____, on the __ day of _____, A.D. ____. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (9) She does not know, as she did not know him until after the War. She further states that she was married to the said James Wright, at the city (or town) of _____, in the County of Franklin, and in the State of Virginia, on the Seventeenth day of June, A.D. 1846 by one (10) Pleasant Brown, who was a (11) Minister of Gospel; and that her name before her said marriage was Judith P. Wright; and she further states that (12) her husband had been previously married, the name of the former wife Eliza Ann Bedford of Amherst Co Va who died on the 22 day of September 1845 and that her said husband (13) James Wright, died at Franklin Co. Va, in the State of Virginia, on the nineteenth day of July, A.D. 1877 and that she has not again married; and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (14) her said husband lived in Bedford Co Va until the year 1858 and have since lived in the County of Franklin Virginia. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, (inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9th, 1878, and hereby appoints _____, of _____, her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim; and she further declares that she has heretofore made no application for (15) either Bounty land or for pension, but her said husband was a pensioner under Act of February 14 1871 his Certificate being Number 14373 and that her residence is No. _, _____ street, city (or town) of _____ county of Franklin, State of Virginia, and that her post- office address is Retreat, Franklin County, Virginia.

Attest:
Ro. A. Scott
H. C. Chapman

Judith P. Wright
(Signature of claimant)

Also personally appeared Robert A. Scott, aged 58 years, residing at No. _, Main street, in Rocky Mount Va, and Henry C. Chapman, aged 46 years, residing at No. _, _____ street, in Franklin Co. Va, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Judith P. Wright for 35 years and for 31 years, respectively; that they were present and saw her sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents hereself to be; and they further say that they are able to identify her as the person who was the wife of the identical (16) James Wright who rendered the service alleged in the above application (in the company of Captain W. Otey in the regiment of Va Militia, in the war of 1812 by

the following named facts and circumstances, viz: (17) the said Scott knew both parties before marriage with James Wright, and Knew of her marriage and both have known both the said James Wright and Judith P. Wright since their marriage and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Ro. A. Scott
W. C. Chapman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fourth day of May, A.D. 1878; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words Seventeenth, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

G. H. T. Greer
Clerk of Franklin Circuit Court"

The record indicates that Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright had died on September 22, 1845.

The application also included a copy of the marriage bond of James Wright and Judith P. Wright and depositions in support of the application:

"Know all men by these presents that we James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 13th day of June 1846. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound James Wright hath this day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin a License for his intermarriage with Judith P. Wright of said County. Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

James Wright
Fleming J. Wright

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I James J. Cartier Clerk of the County Court of Franklin County in the State of Virginia do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the marriage License Bond of James Wright and Judith P. Wright on file in my Office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this tenth day of May AD 1878.

Jas J. Cartier Clerk
Franklin Co Co

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I Pleasant Brown of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia an officiating minister in the Missionary Baptist Church do certify that on the seventeenth day of June AD 1846 I united in matrimony according to the laws of the State of Virginia James Wright and Judith P. Wright Given under my hand this 22nd day of May 1878.

Pleasant Brown

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I R. P. Wright a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Pleasant Brown whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate this day personally appeared before me and made oath that the same contains the truth. Given under my hand this 22nd day of May 1878.

Robert P. Wright J.P.

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I James J. Cartier Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Robert P Wright is now, and was at the time of signing the foregoing certificate a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly elected and qualified

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this twenty eighth day of May AD 1878

Jas. J. Cartier Clerk"

"Franklin County state of Virginia

Deposition of Rily Fralin taken before me O. M. Tench a Justice in and for the said County

Question the first

do you know what day of the month and year James Wright died

Answer - I do

Question - on what day of the month and year

Answer - he died on the 19th day of July 1877

Question - have you an interest in the estate of James Wright

Answer - I have non

Question - have you an interrest in a claim No. 24063 act of March the 9th 1878

Answer - I have non

Riley Fralin

State of Virginia
Franklin County to wit

I Otis M. Tench a Justie of the Said County do herby certify that the forgoing depposition was taken. Subcribed and sworn to before me. Given under my hand and the seal this the 1st day of March 1879

Otis M. Tench J. P.

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I James J. Cartier Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do certify that Otis M. Tench is a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly qualified to act as such. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this twelfth day of March 1879

Jas. J. Cartier Clerk"

"State of Virginia
Franklin County to Wit

This day Riley Fralin and James E. M. Wright personally came before me Jesse Dillon a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that James Wright the deceased Husband of Judith P. Wright died on the 19 day of July 1877. Given under my hand this 3rd day of February 1879

Jesse Dillon J.P.

State of Virginia
Franklin County Feb 3rd 1879

I hereby Certify that Riley Frailin and James E. Wright are personly known to me and are men of undouted thruth and varasity.

Lewis H. Turnbull P.M.
Retreat Va

Virginia Franklin County to wit

I James J. Cartier Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid do certify that Jesse Dillon whose name appears above is a Justice of the Peace for said County. Given under my hand and the Seal of said County this eleventh day of February 1879

Jas J Cartier Clerk"

"Proof required for application No. 24663 under act of March 4, 1878

State of Virginia Franklin County to Wit

This day Riley Fralin & James E. M. Wright personally came before me Jesse Dillon a Justice of the peace in and for said county and made oath that James Wright the deceased Husband of Judith P. Wright died on the 19 day of July 1877. Given under my hand this 22 day of December 1878.

Jesse Dillon J.P.

Franklin County to wit

I L. N. Turnbull Post Master at Retreat Va do certify that the above named Riley Frailin & James E. M. Wright are personly known to me as men of truth and verasity this 24th day of December 1878

L N Turnbull (?)

State of Virginia
County of Franklin to wit

I James J. Cartier Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Jesse Dillon is a Justice of the Peace in and for the

County of Franklin duly qualified to act as such, and that his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 30 day of December AD 1878

Jas. J. Cartier Clerk"

The records for the administration of the estate of James Wright, if any, have not as yet been located.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Judith P. Wright with the following household on June 16, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Judith P. Wright	W	F	62		
J. E. M. Wright	W	M	33		Son
Thomas H. Wright	W	M	29		Son

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
W		Farmer		
S		works on Farm		
S		works on Farm		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va

This record indicates that Judith P. (Wright) Wright was born in about 1818.

On November 24, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/114 Judith P. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright sold their interest in the land of Joseph K. Wright to Angeline F. Ferguson and her children:

"This deed made this 24th day of November 1880 witness that for and in consideration of the sume of one hundread dollars each to us in hand paid wheareof the receipt is by us acknowledge we Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright, & Fleming J. T. Wright of Franklin County state of Virginia do hearby sell & convey our intire intrust to Anjerline F Ferguson during her natural life and then to hear children the issue of her body of the county and state aforesaid the following named real estate, viz a tract of land willed by Rite Wright decd to Joseph K. Wright during his life after his death to the above named legatees of Rite Wright decd bounded as follows ling and being on Indian Run adjoining the lands of Jonas Meador, V. Woyler, & others to have and to hole with general warrenty during her natural life and after her death to her children the issue of her boddy to have and to holed in thear own right free from all debts contracted by her husband heretofore or hereafter & free from all restrition whatsoever. Witness our hand & seal this the day and date above ritten

Judith P. Wright
Henry S. Wright
Fleming J. T. Wright

County of Franklin
State of Virginia

We, O. M. Tench an G. W Price Justices of the Peace in and for the said county do certify that Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whose names are signed to the writing within bareing date on the 24th day of November 1880 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and acknowledged the same before us. Given under under our hands the 24th day of November 1880

O. M. Tench J. P.
G. W. Price J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 10th day of May 1882

This deed from Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright to Angeline Ferguson was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper C.F.C."

On October 20, 1882, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/276 Judith P. Wright, J. E. M. Wright, and Thomas H. Wright sold 135 acres of land to Joel H. Flora:

"This deed made with general warranty on the 20th day of October 1882 between Judith P. Wright J. E. M Wright and Thomas H. Wright of the first part and Joel H. Flora of the second part all of the county of Franklin & state of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part have sold to the party of the second part one certain tract or parcel of land lying in the said county of Franklin on the waters of Back Run a tributary of Little Creek adjoining the lands of the said Flora and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Susan Shelton, Dr. Jno. C. Carper and the said Joel H. Flora containing 135-3/4 acres be the same more or less it being the same land sold to the parties of the first part by Isaac Flora and Emeline Flora It is also understood and agreed that the parties of the first part reserve for their own use one fourth acre as a graveyard to be located where the late James Wright Sr is buried. Witness the following signaturs and seal

Judith P Wright
J. E. M Wright
Thomas H Wright

State of Virginia
Franklin County to wit

This day Judith P Wright, an unmarried woman J E M Wright and Thomas H Wright personally appeared before me L. P Guerraut a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and each acknowledged the signing of the foregoing deed bearing even date herewith to be their acts and deeds. Given under my and and seal this 20th day of October 1882

L. P. Guerraut J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 1st day of November 1882

This deed from Judith P Wright, J. E M Wright and Thomas H Wright to Joel H Flora was exhibited in aid office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper CFC"

Franklin County, Virginia - A History stated that in 1883 Judith P. Wright was listed as a United States Pensioner of the War of 1812 and that she resided at Retreat.

The will of F. J. T. Wright dated November 11, 1899, and recorded at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/193 referred

to Judith P. Wright as his sister, described her as then deceased, and named her two children as:

James E. Wright; and

Thomas H. Wright.

In her letter dated December 12, 1977, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy enclosed a document prepared in 1937 by her grandmother Mary Rachel (Childress) Newbill which stated as follows:

> ". . . . And Judith married uncle Jimmie Wright, they had three children, one girl who died before she was grown & there were two boys Edward & Thomas Wright, they went to Texas & died. . . ."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright were the following:

1) Henry L. or S. Wright, born between 1824 and 1830,

2) ____ Wright, a daughter, born between 1824 and 1830,

3) John Marshall Wright, a son, born about 1833,

4) ____ Wright, a son, born between 1835 and 1840, and

5) ____ Wright, a daughter, born between 1835 and 1840, and the children of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Judith P. (Wright) Wright were the following:

1) James Edward M. Wright, born about 1847 or 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Thomas H. Wright, born about 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

3) R. F. Ellen or Osias R. L. H. or L. K. F. H. Wright, born in about 1855 or 1857 at Franklin County, Virginia.

i. <u>Henry L. Or S. Wright</u>

Henry L. or S. Wright was a son of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Henry S. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Henry S. Wright	1				

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physi cians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
	.10	

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Right with Henry L. Right in the James Wright household and his age as 25 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1825. This 1850 listing indicates that Henry L. Wright was a son of 1877 James Wright and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright and the same person as the male aged 10 to 15 in the 1840 Census.

ii. _____Wright

_____ Wright was a daughter of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with a female aged 10 to 15 in his household.

iii. 1841 John Marshall Wright Of Bedford County

1841 John Marshall Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4]).

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with a male aged 5 to 10 in his household.

On May 26, 1842, The Lynchburg Virginian published the following death notice of John Marshall Wright:

> "in Bedford county, Va., on Sunday, the 4th of July, 1841, John Marshall, elder child of James and Eliza Ann Wright, in the 8th year of his age."

This record indicates that John Marshall Wright was born in about 1833.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of John M. Wright is located at the Harris/Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

> "John M. Wright
> 1834
> July 4, 1841"

iv. _____ Wright

_____ Wright was a son of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with a male aged 0 to 5 in his household.

v. _____ Wright

_____ Wright was a daughter of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Eliza Ann (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright with one female aged 0 to 5 in his household.

vi. 1911 James Edward M. Wright Of Texas, His Wife Ida (Medley) Wright, And His Descendants

1911 James Edward M. Wright of Texas was a son of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Judith P. (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James E. M. Right in the James Right household and his age as 3 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James E. M. Wright in the James Wright household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

On November 13, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/229 Judith Wright and her children James E. M. Wright and Thomas H. Wright purchased 135 acres of land:

> "This deed made this 13" day of November 1868 between John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emeline his wife of the County of Douglas and State of Kansas of the one part and Judith P Wright wife of James Wright and James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright children of the said Judith P Wright of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that for and

in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred dollars the said John Kinsey as attorney as aforesaid doth grant and convey to the said Judith P Wright during her natural life at her deth to her children James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Back run containing One hundred and thirty five acres 3 Roods and 25 poles being the same land assigned to the said Isaac Flora out of the lands of which Joseph Flora died seized and possessed and is designated in the partition of said lands as "Lot No 1 of the Ross Tract" the said partition being recorded in the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court to which reference is made for the metes and bounds of the land hereby conveyed. And it is covenanted and agreed that a lien is retained upon the land hereby conveyed until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures and seal (Erasures made before signing)

John Kinsey

Franlin County to wit

We Riley Frailin and Courtland Cabaniss Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that John Kinsey attorney for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora the wife of Isaac Flora whoes names are signed to the within riting baring date on the 13" day of November 1868 and the said John Kinsey hav acknowledged the same before us as attorney in our County aforsaid. Given under our hands and seals this 13" November 1868

Riley Frailin J P
Courtland Cabaniss J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 24" day of December 1874

This deed from John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora his wife to Judith P Wright James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with U S Internal Revenue stamps of the value of one dollar affixed was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carkey CFC"

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James Wright in the James Wright household and his age as 23 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed J. E. M. Wright in the Judith P. Wright household and his age as 33 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

On October 20, 1882, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/276 Judith P. Wright, J. E. M. Wright, and Thomas H. Wright sold 135 acres of land to Joel H. Flora:

> "This deed made with general warranty on the 20th day of October 1882 between Judith P. Wright J. E. M Wright and Thomas H. Wright of the first part and Joel H. Flora of the second part all of the county of Franklin & state of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part have sold to the party of the second part one certain tract or parcel of land lying in the said county of Franklin on the waters of Back Run a tributary of Little Creek adjoining the lands of the said Flora and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Susan Shelton, Dr. Jno. C. Carper and the said Joel H. Flora containing 135-3/4 acres be the same more or less it being the same land sold to the parties of the first part by Isaac Flora and Emeline Flora It is also understood and agreed that the parties of the first part reserve for their own use one fourth acre as a graveyard to be located where the late James Wright Sr is buried. Witness the following signaturs and seal
>
> Judith P Wright
> J. E. M Wright
> Thomas H Wright
>
> State of Virginia
> Franklin County to wit
>
> This day Judith P Wright, an unmarried woman J E M Wright and Thomas H Wright personally appeared before me L. P Guerraut a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and each acknowledged the signing of the foregoing deed bearing even date herewith to be their acts and deeds. Given under my and and seal this 20th day of October 1882
>
> L. P. Guerraut J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 1st day of November 1882

This deed from Judith P Wright, J. E M Wright and Thomas H Wright to Joel H Flora was exhibited in aid office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper CFC"

The will of F. J. T. Wright dated November 11, 1899, and recorded at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/193 referred to Judith P. Wright as his sister, described her as then deceased, and named her two children as:

James E. Wright; and

Thomas H. Wright.

In his letter dated July 13, 1985, Mr. Howard Bass stated that James Edward Wright married Ida Medley in about 1884 and died in 1911 and that James Edward Wright and Ida (Medley) Wright had the following children:

1) James Henry Wright, born in 1886,
2) Columbia May (Wright) Bass, born in 1891,
3) Clara (Wright) Taylor, born in 1893,
4) Cora (Wright) Nichols, born in 1895,
5) Gladys (Wright) Reeves, born in 1897,
6) Milton Wright, born in 1901, and
7) Vera (Wright) Pierce, born in 1903.

In her email dated May 5, 2002, April Alexandria Bass stated that James E. M. Wright married Ida May Medley on July 21, 1885, at Fannin County, Texas, and that James E. M. Wright and Ida May (Medley) Wright had the following children:

1) James Henry Wright,
2) Milton Wright,
3) Columbia May (Wright) Bass, born on October 15, 1891,
4) Cora (Wright) Nichols,
5) Gladys (Wright) Reeves,
6) Vera (Wright) Pierce, and

7) Clara (Wright) Taylor.

vii. 1923 Thomas H. Wright Of Fannin County, Texas

1923 Thomas H. Wright of Fannin County, Texas, was a son of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Judith P. (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Right in the James Right household, and his age as 3/12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas H. Wright in the James Wright household and his age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1853.

On November 13, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/229 Judith Wright and her children James E. M. Wright and Thomas H. Wright purchased 135 acres of land:

> "This deed made this 13" day of November 1868 between John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emeline his wife of the County of Douglas and State of Kansas of the one part and Judith P Wright wife of James Wright and James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright children of the said Judith P Wright of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred dollars the said John Kinsey as attorney as aforesaid doth grant and convey to the said Judith P Wright during her natural life at her deth to her children James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Back run containing One hundred and thirty five acres 3 Roods and 25 poles being the same land assigned to the said Isaac Flora out of the lands of which Joseph Flora died seized and possessed and is designated in the partition of said lands as "Lot No 1 of the Ross Tract" the said partition being recorded in the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court to which reference is made for the metes and bounds of the land hereby conveyed. And it is covenanted and agreed that a lien is retained upon the land hereby conveyed until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures and seal (Erasures made before signing)
>
> John Kinsey

Franklin County to wit

We Riley Frailin and Courtland Cabaniss Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that John Kinsey attorney for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora the wife of Isaac Flora whoes names are signed to the within riting baring date on the 13" day of November 1868 and the said John Kinsey hav acknowledged the same before us as attorney in our County aforsaid. Given under our hands and seals this 13" November 1868

Riley Frailin J P
Courtland Cabaniss J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 24" day of December 1874

This deed from John Kinsey attorney in fact for Isaac Flora and Emaline Flora his wife to Judith P Wright James E M Wright and Thomas H Wright with U S Internal Revenue stamps of the value of one dollar affixed was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carkey CFC"

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright in the James Wright household and his age as 20 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas H. Wright in the Judith P. Wright household and his age as 29 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1851.

On October 20, 1882, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/276 Judith P. Wright, J. E. M. Wright, and Thomas H. Wright sold 135 acres of land to Joel H. Flora:

"This deed made with general warranty on the 20th day of October 1882 between Judith P. Wright J. E. M Wright and Thomas H. Wright of the first part and Joel H. Flora of the second part all of the county of Franklin & state of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part have sold to the party of the second part one certain tract or parcel of land lying in the said county of Franklin on the waters of Back Run a tributary of Little Creek adjoining the lands of the said Flora and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Susan Shelton, Dr. Jno. C. Carper and the said Joel H. Flora containing 135-3/4 acres be the

same more or less it being the same land sold to the parties of the first part by Isaac Flora and Emeline Flora It is also understood and agreed that the parties of the first part reserve for their own use one fourth acre as a graveyard to be located where the late James Wright Sr is buried. Witness the following signaturs and seal

Judith P Wright
J. E. M Wright
Thomas H Wright

State of Virginia
Franklin County to wit

This day Judith P Wright, an unmarried woman J E M Wright and Thomas H Wright personally appeared before me L. P Guerraut a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and each acknowledged the signing of the foregoing deed bearing even date herewith to be their acts and deeds. Given under my and and seal this 20th day of October 1882

L. P. Guerraut J P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 1st day of November 1882

This deed from Judith P Wright, J. E M Wright and Thomas H Wright to Joel H Flora was exhibited in aid office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper CFC"

The will of F. J. T. Wright dated November 11, 1899, and recorded at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/193 referred to Judith P. Wright as his sister, described her as then deceased, and named her two children as:

James E. Wright; and

Thomas H. Wright.

In his letter dated July 13, 1985, Mr. Howard Bass stated that Thomas Wright died in 1923 at Valley Cree, Fannin County, Texas.

viii. R. F. Ellen Or Osias R. L. H. Or L. K. F. H. Wright

R. F. Ellen or Osias R. L. H. or L. K. F. H. Wright was a daughter of 1877 James Wright of Franklin County and Judith P. (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1877 James[4])

The birth record of R. F. Ellen Wright was dated in November 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	R. F. Ellen Wright
Date of Birth:	November 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Jas Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Judith P.
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed O. K. F. H. Wright in the James Wright household and her age as 3, indicating a date of birth in about 1857.

The death record of Osias R. L. H. Wright was dated on September 21, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	25, Page 146
Name of Deceased:	Osias R. L. H. Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Age:	6
Date of Death:	September 21, 1861
Place:	Franklin
Cause of Death:	Diphtheria
Name of Parents:	James and Judith G. Wright
Birthplace of Deceased:	Franklin
Occupation:	Farmer
Consort of:	Unmarried
Name of Informant:	Not Stated
Relation of Informant:	Father

Commissioner of the Revenue: Henry Jimerson
Date Record Filed: June 1862"

e. 1875 Joel Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Amanda (Jordan) Wright, And His Descendants

1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

As set forth above in connection with 1850 Tommey Wright, the listing for Tommey Wright of one white male over 16 in the 1815 Personal Property Tax List and two white males over 16 in the 1816 Personal Property Tax List reflects the attainment of the age of 16 by his son Joel. These records indicate a date of birth for Joel Wright between April 17, 1799, and April 22, 1800.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on February 24:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
February 24	Joel Wright		1	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						.14

This record indicates that Joel Wright was born before February 24, 1800.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 11:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 11	Joel Wright		2	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						.28

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Joel Wright.

The Agreement dated January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 identified Joel Wright as a son of 1850 Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. Pursuant to that agreement Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright conveyed all of their property to Joel Wright and his brothers James and Jubel in exchange for their promise to support Tommey and Synthia for the remainder of their lives:

> "This Indenture made this 24th day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Tommy Wright and Syntha his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part, and James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein after mentioned, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver and confirm unto the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns all the estate real and personal of every description of which they are possessed, or entitled to in law or

equity consisting of the tract of land whereon they now live adjoining the lanes of John Wright and others, containing four hundred acres more or less and fifty acres of land adjoining thereto a part of Greers tract purchased of William Haynes for which a title has not yet been obtained, one negro girl slave named Silly, a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, & all the money due to the said Tommey Wright by bond note or open account. To have and to hold all the estate aforesaid real, and personal of every description with all and singular the appirtenances thereunto belonging, together with the rents, issues and profits of all and every part thereof unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever, and the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all the aforesaid estate real and personal Viz, Lands, slave, stock, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, all debts due by bond, note, or open a/c and all & every other estate real or personal to which they are or may be entitled to in law or equity against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever. In consideration of the aforesaid estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, the said James Wright, Joel Wright, and Jubel Wright bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally to provide at all times ample and comfortable support for the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife during each of their lives of articles of food, clothing and lodging in the houses they now dwell in, suitable to their age and condition, they also bind themselves to provide for their sister Nancy Wright a like ample and comfortable support who is to live in the houses aforesaid with her father & mother so long as she remains a single woman and they further bind themselves to find horses and saddles for the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife their father and mother to ride to meetings &c. during each of their lives, and also find a horse and saddle for their sister Nancy for the the like purposes, so long as she remains single and resides with her father and mother, they further bind themselves to pay to their sister Nancy Wright such sum of money as will make her equal in advance to those of the said Tommey Wrights children who have married and left him the payment to be made at such time as she may need or require the same to be done. And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia currency; for the true and faithful performance of the covenants and agreements aforesaid the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright, bind themselves their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally as aforesaid

In Witness whereof the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife of the one part & the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the other part, hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein before written

Tommey Wright
Synthia X Wright
James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

Bedford County To Witt:

We William Shrewsbury and Lawrence McGeorge magistrates of said County do hereby Certify that Tommey Wright and Synthia Wright his wife parties to the annexed conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 24th January 1824 and desired us to certify the said conveyance to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded, and we do further certify that Synthia Wright wife of Tommey Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright, bearing date the 24th January 1824 and hereto annexed personally appeared before in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th January 1824

Wm. Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of May 1824. This Deed of Covenant was certified as to Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife by two justices of the peace and acknowledged by James, Joel & Jubal Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe CBC"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James, Joel, and Jubal Wright with the following household on May 6:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
May 6	Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	3	8		2.37

On June 10, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/103 James Wright conveyed all of his interest in the land subject to the Support Agreement to Joel and Jubel:

> "This Indenture made this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between James Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part and Joel Wright & Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth That whereas Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife in the early part of the present year entered into a deed of covenant with the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright by which deed the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife conveyed to the said James, Joel & Jubal all their real and personal estate therein mentioned which deed has been duly acknowledged, certified and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, and the said James Joel and Jubal in the same deed of covenant bound themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators to perform the covenants and agreements on their respective parts in the said deed mentioned and the said James Wright having sold to the said Joel Wright and Jubal Wright all his right, title, interest and claim in and to the real & personal estate conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife, And the said Joel & Jubal having undertaken and agreed to perform the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed mentioned and discharge the said James from the performance of the same or any part thereof. Now that Indenture Witnesseth that the said James Wright for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said James Wright hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver & confirm unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and claim which he hath in law or equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife by the aforesaid deed. To have and to hold unto the said Joel right and Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right, title interest and claim in law or equity of him the said James Wright in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever. And the said James Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all his right, title, interest and claim to all the estate real and personal

conveyed by the deed aforesaid from the said Tommey Wright & Cynthia his wife unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of him the said James Wright his heirs, executors and administrators and against the claims and demand of all persons claiming under him, and the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright do by these presents bind themselves jointly and severally their and each of their heirs executors and administrators to perform all the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed of covenant mentioned and forever discharge and exonerate the said James Wright from the performance of the same or any part thereof In Witness whereof the parties hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first herein before first written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
Henry H. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of January 1825. This deed was acknowledged in Court by all the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ja. Steptoe Clk.B.C"

On June 14, 1824, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 16/36 Joel Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Ballenger Mayse and Polly Mayse to secure James Wright as surety on two bonds.

On January 29, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joel Wright and Jubal Wright executed a promissory note for $100 payable to Little Bery Williamson:

"twelve months after date we or eather of us do promise to pay to little Bery Williamson the some of one hundred dollars for value of him Received as witness our hands and seals this 29t of January 1825

Test
Joseph Patterson

Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

I assign the within note to H P Winson for value received this 24 May 1824(?)

L B Winson"

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel and Jubal Wright with the following household on April 16:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
April 16	Joel & Jubal Wright	2	7		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		1.78

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.
Do	"	206	On the same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.61	1.45	
16W	2.00		412.00	.29	

This record reflects the transfer of land by Bedford County Deed 18/318.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c
	Joel Wright	2	2	5	

Amot of Tax $	Cts
1.56	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.
Do	"	56	on beaver dam Cr.

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
16W	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names	Residence	Estate whether held in F simple for Life &c	Number of Acres Acres	Poles	Description of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Simple	84.00		Lots Roank

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land and Buildings pr Acre $ Cts	Sum Added to the Land on Account of Buildings Dollars	Total Value of the Land and Buildings Dollars Cts	Amount of Tax $ Cts.	Explanations of altera-tions during the Prece-dent Year
26 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02	New Grant

This may have been an erroneous entry based on the deed of trust executed to Joel Wright by Ballinger Mayse, reflecting Joel Wright as fee owner rather than as trustee. However, as will be set forth below, the listing continued through 1838.

On about April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Henry P. Williamson, as assignee of Little Berry Williamson, filed a complaint against Joel Wright and Jubal Wright for payment of a debt of $100:

"Bedford County sct

Henry P. Williamson assignee of Little Berry Williamson plaintiff complains of Joel Wright and Jubal Wright Defendants in custody &c of a plea that they render unto him the Sum of one hundred dollars with Interest from the 29th day of January 1826 which to him they owe and from him unjustly detain for this to wit that the sd Defendants on the 29th day of January 1825 by their certain writing obligatory signed with their proper hands and sealed with their Seals and to the court now here shewn the date whereof is the same day & year aforesaid promised and bound themselves to pay twelve months after the date thereof to the said Littleberry Williamson the aforesaid sum of $100 and afterwards to wit on the 24 day of May 1825 the said Littleberry Williamson by an endorsement in writing on the back thereof signed with his own hand for value recd assigned & transferred the said writing obligatory to the plaintiff of which assignment the said Defendants then and there had notice

Yet the plaintiff in fact avers that the Defendants nor neither of them the said sum of $100 or any part thereof at any time before the said assignment & notice to the said Littleberry Williamson did not pay neither have they or either of them paid the same or any part thereof to the plaintiff since but the same to do although often thereto requested have hitherto altogether refused & still do refuse by reason whereof right and action to the plaintiff has accrued to have and demand the said sum of $100 by reason of the Said assignment and the act of assembly in that case provided Wherefore he brings his suit

Gilman pq"

On April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Joel Wright and Jubal Wright to answer the complaint of Henry P. Williamson, as assignee of Little Berry Williamson, for payment of a debt of $100:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting we command you to take Joel Wright and Jubal Wright if they be found within your bailiwick and them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th monday in May next to answer H. P. otherwise called Henry P. Williamson assee: of Littleberry Williamson of a plea of debt for one hundred dollars with Interest thereon from 29" January 1826 til paid Damage ten dollars And have then there this writ witness James C. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 3d day of April 1826 in the 50th Year of our Independence
>
> J C Steptoe"

Sometime after April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joel Wright, Jubal Wright, and William Terry executed their surety bond to secure the appearance of Joel Wright and Jubal Wright in court to answer the complaint of Henry P. Williamson:

> "Know all men by these presents, That we Joel Wright Jubal Wright and William Terry are held and firmly bound unto James Otey, sheriff of Bedford county, in the just and full sum of two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid to the said James Otey, as aforesaid, his certain attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors & administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this __ day of 1826.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas H. P. otherwise Called Henry P. Williamson assee of Littlebury Williamson hath sued out of the County Court of Bedford a writ of capias ad respondendum, against the body's of the above bound Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of a plea of debt which writ hath been duly executed. Now, if the above bound Joel Wright and Jubal Wright do and shall well and truly make their personal appearance before the Justices of the next County (May) Court, to be holden for the said County of Bedford then and there to answer the suit of the said Henry P. Williamson assee as aforesd

and do not depart from thence without leave of the said court; then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and	)	Jubal Wright
delivered in the	)	Joel Wright
presence of	)	William Terry

We of the Jury find for the Plaintiff & assess the damage to fifteen dollars

A. B. Nichols"

On November 20, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Joel Wright and Jubal Wright to answer the complaint of Madison Pitzer, as assignee of John Etzler, for payment of a debt of $70:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting we command you to take Jubal Wright and Joel Wright if they be found within your bailiwick & them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th Monday in this month to answer Madison Pitzer assee of John Etzler of a plea of Debt for Seventy Dollars Damage Twenty Dollars and have then there this writ. Witness, James C. Steptoe Clerk aforesaid Court the 20" day of Novmr 1826. In in the 51st Year of our Independence.

J. C. Steptoe"

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	Joel Wright	2	6		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		1.66

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam Cr
Do	"	54	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names	Residence	Estate whether held in In F simple for Life &c	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Description of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Simp	84.00	_ Roanoke

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land and buildings per Acre $ Cts	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings Dollars	Total Value of the land and Buildings Dollars Cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	Explanation of Alterations during the Preceding Year
26 SW	.20		16.80	.02	

Sometime in 1827 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/89 Joel Wright was appointed to survey a road in the place of Anthony Wright:

"Ord. that Joel Wright be appd Sur. rd from Pates road below George Horns by Thos Lancaster in room of Anthy Wright with the usual hands"

The marriage bond of Joel Wright and Amanda Jordan was dated on December 14, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, with LeRoy Jordan as surety, and the marriage performed on December 20, 1827:

"Know all men by these presents that we Joel Wright and Leroy Jordan are held & firmly bound unto William B Giles Esq Governor or chief magistrate of the CommonWealth of Virginia in the Sum of One hundred & fifty dollars current money of Va to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors for the use of the said CommonWealth We bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our heirs Exors & Admrs jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed & dated this 14th day of Decmr 1827 The Condition of the above Obligation is shuch that Whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Joel Wright and Amanda Jordan

Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the Said Marriage then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & Virtue

Teste	Joel Wright
G W Wingfield DC	Leroy Jordan

This is to Certify that the following persons have been joined together in the state of Holy Matrimony for the year ending 28 February 1828

. . . .

Decr 20 Joel Wright to Amanda Jordan

. . . .

James Leftwich Jr."

Marriages And Deaths From Lynchburg, Virginia Newspapers 1794-1836 listed the following notice:

"Wright, Joel married to Miss Amanda Jordan, dau. of Leroy Jordan, by The Rev. James Leftwich. All of Bedford.

The Lynchburg Virginian, Jan 17, 1828, p.3, c.4."

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 9:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Charged With Tax	Slaves Above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 9	Joel Wright	2	4

Stud Horses No $ Tax	____ & Harness No $ Tax	pheatons & Stage Waggons No. $ Tax	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
			1.42

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on bever dam Cr
Do	"	56	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	252	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in Fee Simple for Life &c	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Simple	84.00	__ Roanoke

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of land and Buildings per Acre $ Cts	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings Dollars	Total Value of the land and Buildings Dollars Cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	Explanation of Alterations during the Preceding Year
26 SW	.20		16.80	.02	

On April 28, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/427 Jubel Wright conveyed all of his interest in the land subject to the Support Agreement to Joel Wright:

"This Indenture made this 28th day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, between Joel Wright of the one part and Jubal Wright of the other part both of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth, that whereas Thomas Wright and Cinthia his wife in the early part of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four entered into a deed of covenant with James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright by which deed the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia conveyed to the said James, Joel and Jubal all their real and personal estate therein mentioned, and the said James, Joel and Jubal in said deed bound themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators to perform the agreements and covenants therein mentioned & said deed has been duly acknowledged, certified and recorded in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford and James Wright by an Indenture made the 10th day of June, one thousand eight hundred & twenty four between James Wright of the one part and Joel and Jubal Wright of the other sold to the said Joel and Jubal for and in consideration specified in said Indenture, all his right, title, interest and claim which he had both in law and equity to all the real and personal estate convey by the aforesaid deed of covenant from the said Thomas Wright and Cinthia to the said James, Joel & Jubal and the said Joel and Jubal in the Indenture aforesaid discharged & exonerated the said James his heirs and assigns forever from the burthen and execution of the obligations contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant entered into by the said Thomas and Cinthia his wife of the one part and James, Joel and Jubal of the other part, and bound themselves their heirs &c to perform the agreements and covenants contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant entered into by the said Thomas Wright & Cinthia of the one part and James, Joel and Jubal of the other part. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Jubal Wright for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to him the said Jubal in hand paid (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, deliver and confirm unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever all the

right title interest and claim which he hath both in law and equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the aforesaid deed of covenant from the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia unto the said James, Joel & Jubal Wright. To have and to hold unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest and claim both in law & equity of him the said Jubal Wright in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the deed of covenant from Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia. to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jubal Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all his right title interest and claim which he hath in law and equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the deed aforesaid from the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims of him the said Jubal Wright his heirs executors and administrators and against the claims and demands of all persons claiming under him and the said Joel Wright doth by these presents bind himself his heirs executors and administrators to perform all the covenants and agreemements contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant from Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia and forever discharge and exonerate the said Jubal Wright his heirs executors and administrators from the performance of the same or part thereof. In Witness whereof the parties hereto have subscribed their names and set their seals this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and delivered in the presence of) Joel Wright) Jubal Wright)
James Wright
James Saunders
A. Otey

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of September 1828. The preceeding deed from Joel Wright to Jubal Wright, was produced in Court and proved by the oath of James Wright and Armstead Otey two subscribing Witnesses thereto. And afterward to Wit. Bedford Clerks office April 29th 1835. The same was further proved by the oath of James Saunders another subscribing Witness thereto and admitted to record

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 16:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Mules Colts & Mares	Stud No $ Cts
April 16	Joel Wright		3		

Two wheeled riding Carriages & Harness not exceeding in value $100	Above the value of $100	Faytons Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto Carry Alls & Jersey Waggons	Amt of Tax
			1.60

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam
Do	"	56	On Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation	
17W	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
18W	2.00		112.00	.09	

This record reflects the sale to Joel Wright in Bedford County Deed 24/427 of Jubal Wright's interest in the land formerly owned by Tommey Wright.

The 1829 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee Simple or for Life &c	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance and Bearing from the Court-house	Value of land and Buildings per Acre Dolls Cts	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings Dollars	Total Value of the land and Buildings Dollars Cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts
24 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02

In August 1829 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/289 William Anderson, Jr., was appointed surveyor of a road in the place of Joel Wright:

> "Ordered that William Anderson Jr be appointed Surveyor of the road from the road near Matthew Pates to the road at Thomas Lancasters in the place of Joel Wright and that Said Anderson with the usual hands keep said road in good repair according to law"

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 17:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
April 17	Joel Wright	2	3	5	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			1.45

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On B Dam
Do		56	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09

The 1830 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee simple otherwise	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & Bearing from the Court-house	Value of land and Building per Acre $ Cts	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings Dollars	Total Value of land & Buildings $ Cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts
24 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Joel Wright with the following members of his household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Joel Wright	1	60-70	1	60-70
	1	20-30	1	15-20
			1	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	10-24	1	24-36				
2	0-10	3	0-10				

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreign-ers & Natural-ized
13					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

The eldest members of this household were probably Joel's parents, Tommey and Synthia Wright, since there was no listing for a Tommey Wright in the 1830 Census and they are both known to have been alive in 1830. This record places Joel Wright's date of birth between 1800 and 1810 and Amanda (Jordan) Wright's date of birth between 1810 and 1815.

In November 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/192 in the case of Wright v. Jordan the court ordered the sale of attached property of the defendant:

> "Wright agt. Jordan Atta: On hearing judgment ag. Defendant for the sum of fifty nine dollars with interest thereon from the 25th day of December 1829 till paid & costs - Attached effects condemned & order of sale"

On December 18, 1830, Joel Wright executed a bail bond on behalf of his father-in-law Leroy Jordan who had been charged with forging Revolutionary War claims. Jordan jumped bail and Joel Wright had to pay on the bond. A copy of the bond was included in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 147:

> "Recieved December 18 1830 of Mr Joel Wright, the sum of Three hundred Dollars, which with a bond for the sum of three hundred Dollars payable on the first day of June 1833. When executed by himself and Tommy Wright his security will be in full discharge of his undertaking as bail for Leroy Jordan. Charged with Forging the Claims of certain soldiers of the revolution, and remanded to the City of Richmond to be tried for said offence. the said Leroy Jordan having forfeited his recognizance and the said Wright being in consequence bound as his bail for the sum aforesaid which undertaking when the bond as above mentioned shall have _____ and delivered will be fully discharged.
>
> C Anthony
>
> Received December 27 1830 of Mr. Joel Wright as bond to the United States for the sum of Three hundred Dollars, with his father security payable the first day of June 1833. in conformity to the within receipt which bond discharges Mr. Wright from his undertaking as bail for Leroy Jordan
>
> C. Anthony"

On January 4, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/300 Joel Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Jabez Dent to secure James Wright.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 16:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts &c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 16	Joel Wright	3	6			1.11

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
James & Joel Wright		400	On Beaver dam Cr
Do		56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held In Fee or otherwise	Number of Acres Acres poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	in fee	84	Wts Roanoke

Distance and bearing from the Court-house	Value of land and Building per acre $ Cts	Valuation of the Improvements Dollars	Total value of land & Buildings Dollars cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	Explanation of alterations tions during the preceding year
24 SW	.20	150.00	16.80	.02	

In October 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/367 the court appointed Joel Wright as an appraiser for the estate of Solomon Wright:

> "Ordered that Edmund Pate, Matthew Pate, James Wright & Joel Wright or any three of them being first sworn appraise the estate of Solomon Wright decd & report to court"

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Joel Wright	1	4	5	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	1.30

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver Dam
do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held in fee or for life	Number of Acres Acres poles	Situation of Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	In fee	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance and Bearing from the Court-house	Value of land and Improve-ments per acre $ Cts	Value of Improve-ments Dollars	Total value of land & Buildings Dollars cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	
24 SW	.20	150.00	16.80	.02	

In April 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/501 Joel Wright was ordered to show cause why the indenture of Alfred Pierce should not be terminated:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright, Tommy Wright & Charles Pill(?) be summoned to appear at the next Court to shew cause if any they can why the indentures binding Alfred Pierce to the said Joel Wright should not be rescinded."

In November 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/65 Joel Wright was ordered again to show cause why the indenture of Alfred Pierce should not be terminated:

> "On the motion of Henry Pearce a free man of colour it is ordered that Joel Wright, to whom Alfred Pearce son of said Henry Pearce is bound be summoned to appear here at the next Court with the Said Alfred Pearce to Shew Cause if any he can why the Indentures by which the said Alfred is bound to him Should not be canselled."

In December 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Henry Pearce filed a motion to release his son Alfred Pearce from indenture to Joel Wright:

"Bedford December Court 1832

On the motion of Henry Pearce a free man of Colour. It is ordered that Joel Wright to whom Alfred Pearce son of said Henry Pearce is bound, be summoned to appear here at the next Court, to shew cause if any he can, why the Indenture binding said Alfred to him should not be cancelled.

A Copy Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

In December 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/78 on the motion of Harry Pearce the court renewed its order that Joel Wright show cause why the indenture of Alfred Pierce should not be terminated:

"On the motion of Harry Pearceit is ordered that the order of last Court directing Joel Wright to be summoned to this Court, be renewed returnable to January Court next."

On February 2, 1833, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joel Wright obtained subpoenas for witnesses to testify in his behalf regarding the release of Alfred Pearce from his indenture:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting: We command you to summon Peter Dent, Thomas Nelson, William Jordan and Thomas Wright to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the first day of next (February) term to testify and the truth to say in behalf of Joel Wright In a certain matter of controversy in our said Court before our said Justices depending and undetermined between Harry Pearce and said Joel Wright on a motion to rescind the Indenture of Alfred Pearce who is bound to said Wright and this they shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, and have then there this writ. Witness Robert C. Mitchell, Clerk of our said Court the 2d day of February 1833, in the 57th year of our Independence.

Ro. C. Mitchell"

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Joel Wright	1	4	7

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses		Amt of Tax
			1.42

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver Dam Cr
Do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.01	1.48	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	In fee	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land and Buildings per acre $ Cts	Value of Improve-ments Dollars	Total Value of The Land Dollars cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts
24 SW	.20	200.00	16.80	.02

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Joel Wright	1	5	8

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		1.72

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
James & Joel Wright	Bed	400	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48
16 "	2.00		112.00	.09

The 1834 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	In fee	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land and Buildings pr acre $ Cts	Value of the Improvements Dollars	Total Value of Land and Buildings Dollars cts	Amout of Tax $ Cts	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year
24 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02	

In May 1834 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/290 Joel Wright was appointed surveyor of a road in the place of Thomas Melson:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from Thos. Lancasters to Pates road, in room of Thomas Melson with the usual allotment of hands &c."

On about November 27, 1834, Joel Wright filed his complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 147, to recover the amount paid by him on his bond from other persons who had property belonging to LeRoy Jordan in their hands:

> "To the Honourable William Daniel Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Bedford County
>
> The bill of complaint of Joel Wright respectfully represents that some time in the year 1830 Leroy Jordan then a resident of Bedford County was apprehended and examined before a justice of the peace for said county charged with forgery of the claims of certain soldiers of the revolution. The magistrates before whom he was examined were of opinion that he was guilty of the charge, but upon his petition he was permitted to give bail for his appearance before the Circuit Court of the United States held in the City of Richmond. Your orator became bound in a recognizance for said Leroy Jordan's appearance as aforesaid in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Jordan absconded from the Commonwealth, forfeited his recognizance and your orator became bound to pay and has paid the said sum of fifteen hundred dollars as will appear by receipt herewith filed as a part of this bill marked A - of this sum he has received at different times the sum of

$716.82c, the residue is still due & owing to your orator. The said Leroy Jordan still resides out of the state of Virginia but your orator is informed and believes that he has money, goods & effects in the hands Peter Dent, Jeremiah Jordan, William Crump Jacob Fizer and Balda McDaniel sheriff of Bedford. Your orator therefore prays that the said Leroy Jordan, Peter Dent, Jeremiah Jordan, William Crump & Jacob Fizer and Balda McDaniel may be made defendants to this bill and answer the allegations thereof upon oath, that said defts Peter Dent, Jeremiah Jordan, Crump, Fizer McDaniel severally say what goods money or effects they have in their hands due or belonging to the deft Leroy Jordan, that they be restrained from paying away, secreting or otherwise disposing of any such money, goods & effects until the further order of this honourable Court. That your honor will grant to your orator a decree against Leroy Jordan for the balance due him as aforesaid, and against the other defendants for whatever money or property they may have in their hands due or belonging to the said defendant Leroy Jordan, to be applied towards the discharge of his debt to your orator and finally grant to your orator such other and further relief as may be just and equitable and he will ever pray &c"

The first summons in File 147 was dated November 27, 1834, and stated that Leroy Jordan was no longer an inhabitant of Virginia. Summonses dated in 1835 stated that the sheriff had levied on two negro slaves owned by Jordan and named Ephraim and Peter and had sold the slaves in partial satisfaction of the amount due.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	Joel Wright	1	4	8

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
1 Carriall $1	2.48	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
James & Joel Wright		400	On Beaver dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48	
16	2.00	112		.09	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	Number of Acres Acres Poles	Situation of the land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	In fee	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & bearing from the Court Hous	Value of land and Buildings pr Acre $ Cts	Value of the Improve-ments Dollars	Total Value of land and Improve-ments Dollars Cts	Amout of Tax $ Cts	
24 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02	

On August 19, 1835, in File 147 Jacob Fizer filed his answer to the complaint:

"To the Hon: Wm Daniel Judge of the Cir. Sup. Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Bedford.

The separate answer of Jacob Fizor to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in this honbl. court by Joel Wright. The said defendant reserving to himself the usual privelege of all just exceptions to the errors &c contained in the said bill for answer thereunto or unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it in any way concerns him to answer; He answers and says he knows nothing of the said complainant's becoming bound for the said Leroy Jordan for his appearance before the circuit court of the United States at Richmond, or of his having paid the amount of the recognizance in his said bill of complaint mentioned. In relation to the money and effects in his hands he will state, that at the February Term of the county court of Bedford 1831, his co-defendants Peter Dent and Jeremiah Jordan obtained from the said court a writ of injunction in the nature of a writ of ne exeat to restrain William Crump and Leroy Jordan from carrying out of the state two negro men named Peter and Ephraim alledged to belong to the said Leroy Jordan but whether they did belong to him or not this defendant is wholly ignorant. The said William Crump and Leroy Jordan being unable to give the Security required by the order of injunction the said slaves were put in the possession of the sheriff of Bedford, with directions to hire them out by the month until the future order of the court. This defendant being the deputy sheriff of Thomas Sale the then sheriff of Bedford took possession of the said slaves and hired them out from time to time according to the directions of the said order, and as he continued to act as the deputies of Joseph Slaughter and Balda McDaniel who succeeded the said Thomas Sale as sheriff of said county he held the said slaves until the 27th of October 1834 when the said injunction was partially dissolved, and the said slaves viz the decretal order of said county court were declared to be liable to be sold in satisfaction of a decree of this honorable court, pronounced on the 18th day of October 1834, in a cause then herein depending between Elizabeth Mayse et al. plaintiffs & the said Leroy Jordan et al. defendants, and the said slaves were accordingly sold as this defendant has been informed and believes by Thomas Mead one of the deputies of the said Balda McDaniel. This defendant has in his hands all the hires of the said slaves from the month of March 1831 till the 27th of October 1834 which he is ready to pay as this honbl. court may direct. deducting therefrom his commissions, expenses &c There is now an order of the county court of Bedford directing him to account for the hires before the commissioner of that court and he will in due time file a copy of the commissioners report as a part of this answer which will show the nett balance in his hands. and having fully answered, he prays to be hence dismissed with his cost &c.

Jacob Fizor

Bedford county &c

The foregoing answer of Jacob Fizor was sworn to _____ before the subscriber a majistrate for said county this 19th day of August 1835.

William C. Terry(?) J.P."

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Joel Wright	1	5	8

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	1.73

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improve-ments Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	____
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48	
16	2.00	112		.09	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No. of Acres Poles	Description of land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Simp	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & bearing from the Court Hous	Val. of land pr Acre including Buildings	Value of Buildings	Tot. Val. of Land & Buildings	Amt. of Tax at 8 ct pr $100 Val	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year
24 Miles SW	.20		16.80	.02	

On May 11, 1836, in File 147 Jeremiah Jordan filed his answer to the complaint:

"The Answer of Jeremiah Jordan to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the honbl. Circuit Court of Bedford by Joel Wright. He answers & says, that he has received $25. for the rent of a tract of land, which did belong to Leroy Jordan, & perhaps still does, but he has understood that the land is claimed by William Crump & if it belongs to him, he has nothing in his hands of the said Jordan. If it should be decided that the money in his hands belongs to Jordan, this defendant has a claim of $20. against the said Jordan, part of a lawyers fee paid for him to G. Anthony Esq. which will have to be deducted from the said $25.00. and having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs.

Sworn to before the subscriber a magistrate for the county of Bedford at Liberty in said county the 11th may 1836.

Robert Campbell J.P."

And on May 11, 1836, in File 147 Peter Dent also filed his answer to the complaint:

"The answer of Peter Dent to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the honorable circuit court of Bedford by Joel Wright.

He answers and says, that he has in his hands, some rents of a tract of land, which did belong to Leroy Jordan, but which this defendant understands belongs to William Crump. This defendant has also some money in his hands for the hire of a negro, belonging to the said Leroy Jordan. the said Jordan owes him for $20. part of a Lawyers fee paid for said Jordan to C. Anthony Esq. and some other costs paid for him in Mays suit against him in the circuit court of Bedford. He files herewith a statement (marked A). showing the state of accounts, between him & Leroy Jordan.

Sworn to before the subscriber a magistrate for the county of Bedford at Liberty in said county the 11th may 1836.

Robert Campbell J.P."

On May 11, 1836, in File 147 Joseph Wilson gave his deposition:

"The deposition of Joseph Wilson of lawful age taken pursuant to notice at the Clerks office of Bedford County on the 11th day of May 1836 to be read as evidence in a suit in Chancery now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Bedford County in which Joel Wright is plt. and Leroy Jordan & others Defts.

The deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and sayeth -

That some years ago a prosecution was commenced on behalf of the United States against Leroy Jordan & others charged with the forgery of certain Revolutionary claims. They were examined before Justices of the peace in the County of Bedford and Christopher Anthony Esq. acted as the attorney for the United States. The deponent is well acquainted with the hand writing of the late Christopher Anthony has often seen him write and believes that the paper now before him being a receipt from C Anthony to Joel Wright dated Decr. 18th 1830, and also a receipt on the back of said paper dated Decr. 27, 1830 are both in the hand writing of Christopher Anthony Esq.

Jos. Wilson

Bedford County to wit

The foregoing deposition was duly taken subscribed and sworn to before me a justice of the pease for said county at the time & place mentioned in the caption.

Wm. Leftwich Jr. JP."

On October 1, 1836, in File 147 the court issued its order directing the defendants to render an account of the property of Leroy Jordan in their hands:

"At a Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery continued and held for Bedford County the first day of October 1836

Joel Wright. Plft	)
against	)
Leroy Jordan Peter Dent, Jeremiah	) In Chancery
Jordan William Crump Jacob Fizer	)
& Balda McDaniel defendants	)

On the motion of the defendants Jeremiah Jordan and Peter Dent by counsel and upon condition that the trial of this cause is not to be delayed thereby leave is given them to file their answers to the plaintiffs bill Whereupon they filed their answer and the plaintiff replies generally and this cause came on to be heard by consent of the plaintiff and the dfendants who are residents of this County upon the bill answer of the defendants Peter Dent Jeremiah Jordan and Jacob Fizer the subpoena awarded in this cause on the 10th day of August 1835 which appears to have been duly executed on the defendant McDaniel the order of publication agianst the defendants Leroy Jordan and William Crump who are absent defendants which appears to have been duly published in the manner prescribed by law upon the exhibits and the deposition of a witness filed and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth take the bill of the plaintiff for confessed as to the defendants Balda McDaniel Leroy Jordan and William Crump and doth further adjudge order and decree that the defendants Peter Dent Jeremiah Jordan William Crump Jacob Fizer and Balda McDaniel do respectively render to the Commissioner of this Court an account of all monies or effects which were in their hands due or belonging to the defendant Leroy Jordan at the time the subpoena in this cause was served upon them or which have since come to their hands and the said Commissioner is directed to take said accounts as also an account between the plaintiff and the defendant Leroy Jordan and that said Commissioner report said account to this Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated and the Court doth further that the plaintiff have leave if he think proper to examine the defendant in solemn form upon their oaths before the Commissioner at the taking of said accounts

A Copy Teste
Jos. Wilson Clk

Commissioner's Office Liberty Oct. 22. 1836

The parties in this cause will take notice that I have appointed Monday the 5 day of December next, to commence the accounts directed by the foregoing decree on which day at the hour of 10 O'clock in the morning, they are requested to attend at my office in this to us with their accounts evidence, witnesses & copies of court papers prepared for examination settlement.

Jn A Wharton C"

In February 1837 in File 147 the commissioner rendered his account and in March 1837 the court rendered its order:

"Wright)
vs.) note for decree
Jordan.)

This cause came on this day to be further heard on the papers formerly read, and the report of Commr. Wharton made in pursuance of the decretal order of the first day of Octr. last, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court approving the 1st statement in said report of the account between the plaintiff, & the deft. Leroy Jordan, and approving the said report in all other respects there being no exception thereto, then doth confirm the same, and doth adjudge, order, and decree that the deft. Leroy Jordan do pay to the plaintiff the sum of $1062.54/100 with interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum on $863.19/100 a part thereof from this 19th day of March 1837 until paid, and his Costs by him expended in the prosecution of this suit. And the court doth further order that the defendant Balda McDaniel do pay to the plaintiff in part satisfaction of the said decree against this deft. Leroy Jordan the sum of $409.10/100 with like interest thereon from this day until paid. & that the deft. Jacob Fizer do pay to the plaintiff in further satisfaction of said claim the sum of $291.55/100 (that being the amount reported in his hands after deducting therefrom the sum of $17.75/100 the costs by him expended in the defence of this suit, with like interest on the said sum of $291.55/100 from this day until paid. But the plaintiff is not to have the benefit of this decree until he shall have entered into bond with good security in the clerks' office of this court in a penalty equal to ____ against the defendant Leroy Jordan with ___ conditions as is prescribed by the act of the General Assembly in the case of a decree against an absent defendant. And liberty is reserved to the absent defendants respectively to their cause against this decree at any time within 7 years from this day pursuant to the said act of assembly. and as to all other matters this cause is continued until the next term."

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
_ 19	Joel Wright	1	5	8

Studs Carriages &c	Tax $ Cts
	1.73

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.48	
16	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No. of Acres poles	Description of land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Sim	84.00	Wts Roanoke

& bearing from the Court House	Distance of Land pr. Acre including Buildings	Value Value of Build-ings	Val. of Land & Build-ings	Total Tax at 8c pr $100 Val	Amt of Total Amt. of Tax	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year
24 Miles SW	.20	500.00	16.80	.02	.02	

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on May 15:

	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
May 15	Joel Wright	1	4	7

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
	1.76

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Creek
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.85	
16 "	2.00		112.00	.12	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names	Residence	Estate	No. of Acres & ps.	Local Description of Land
Joel Wright	Botetourt	Fee Simple	84.00	Wts Roanoke

Distance & bearing tions dur- from the Court House	Value of Land pr. Acre In- cluding Build- ings $ Cts	Value of Build- ings $	Value of Land & Build- ings $ Cts	Amt. of Tax Tax $ Cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	Explana- tion of altera- ing the preceding year
24 Ms SW	.20	500.00	16.80	.02	.02	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name					
Joel Wright	Bedford	Fee Simple	84	"	Wts Roanok
4 miles W	20.00		16.80		.02

This is the same land as that listed in the Botetourt County Land Tax List and reflects the transfer of jurisdiction over the land to the newly formed county of Roanoke.

The 1838 Land Tax List - Reassessment for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Kind of Estate	No of Acres	Acres Poles	Description or situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Bedford	Fee Simple	84		Wts Roanok

Distance and bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land per acre under last assessment, including building Dollars Cents	Sum added to Land on account of buildings under last assessment	Present value of land per acre including buildings Dollars Cents
4 W	.20		.25

Sum added to the present value of the Land on account of buildings		Remarks

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 3:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Apl 3rd	Joel Wright	1	1	5

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.70

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Names	No Males Over 16	Slaves Over 16	S between 12 & 16	Horses
Joel Wright	1			

Gigs	Amt of Taxes

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
17 SW	4.62	250	1846.00	1.85	
16 "	2.00		112.00		
.12					

The 1839 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether in fee or for Life	Number of Acres Acres	Poles	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Bedford	Fee	84	"	Wts Roanoke R

Distance and bearing from the Courthouse	Value of land and buildings per acre $ ¢	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of land and buildings $ ¢	
4 W	.20		16.81	

Amount of Taxes $ ¢	Remarks
.02	

On May 4, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 1/330 Joel Wright's suit against Leroy Jordan and others was dismissed as to defendants Peter Dent and Jeremiah Jordan:

"Joel Wright Pet)
against) In Chancery
Leroy Jordan, Peter Dent,)
Jeremiah Jordan, William)
Crump, Jacob Fizer and Balda)
McDaniel Defts)

By consent of the parties this cause as to the defendants Dent & Jeremiah Jordan is dismissed without cost and the plaintiff acknowledges satisfaction of his decrees in this cause against the defendants Fizer and McDaniel - Therefore on motion of the plaintiff this cause is discontinued"

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Mch 25	Joel Wright	1	4	4

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		1.52

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	____
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1840 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Kind of Estate	Number of Acres	Poles	Description or Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Roanoke	fee sim	84		Ws Roanoke R

Distance and bearing from the Courthouse	Value of land per acre including buildings	The sum added to the value of the land on account of buildings	Total value of Land & buildings	____
4 W	.25		21.00	

Amount of Taxes	Remarks
.02	

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Joel Wright with the following members of his household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Joel Wright	1	70-80	1	80-90
	1	40-50	1	70-80
	2	15-20	1	20-30
	2	0-5	2	5-10

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	36-55	3	24-36
				1	10-24	2	10-24
				4	0-10	4	0-10

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in

Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
26		8				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

An additional older woman had joined the household since 1830 and her age was between 80 and 90 years. As mentioned above, this older woman was probably Elizabeth (Pate) Wright, the mother of Tommey Wright and grandmother of Joel Wright. The next two older persons were probably Joel Wright's parents Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. This record places Joel Wright's date of birth between 1790 and 1800 and Amanda (Jordan) Wright's date of birth between 1810 and 1820.

In July 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/101 Joel Wright was appointed overseer of the poor in place of his father Tommey Wright:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Overseer of the Poor in the room of Tommy Wright resigned."

On August 26, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 28/371 Joel Wright purchased 105 acres of land from James Mayse, as attorney in fact for Elizabeth Vennerson:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty between James Mayse attorney for Elizabeth Vennerson

of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee of the first part and Joel Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the second part, Witnesseth that the said James Mayse Attorney as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joel Wright at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff & confirm unto the said Joel Wright his heirs, executors, administrators & assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam, containing one hundred and five and a half acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at Nimmo's corner spanish oak on the road, thence along the same as it meanders S. 14 W. 26 poles S. 18-1/2 W. 64 poles S. 3-1/2 W. 16 poles S. 27 E. 8 poles to a white oak in Hunt's line, thence along his line S. 68 degrees W. 42 poles to Deuts corner red oak, thence along his line N. 73 degrees W. 5 poles to pointers N. 52 degrees W. 64 poles to a red oak N. 85 degrees W. 39 poles to a white oak on a branch, thence down the said branch as it meanders to Wright's corner white oak, thence along his line, N 78 degrees E. 208 poles to a Spanish oak at the road, thence along Nimmo's line N. 77 E. 39 poles to a red oak, thence along Maddra's line N. 2-1/2 degrees E. 63 poles to a pine in Lancaster's line, thence along his line N. 70 degrees W. 9 poles to a red oak (down) by the road, thence along the same as it meanders S. 33-1/2 degrees W. 38 poles S. 26 degrees W. 26 poles S 7-1/2 degrees W. 12 poles S. 8 degrees E. 11 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all its appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining unto the said Joel Wright his heirs executors administrators or assigns. And he the said James Mayse attorney &c as aforesaid his heirs, executors, and administrators, do warrant and defend forever free from the claims of themselves or any other person or persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands and Seals this day and year above written

Signed Sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Cornelius Pate
S. C. Hurt
Robert W. Wright

James Mayse
Attorney for
Elizabeth Vennerson

At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of September 1840. This Indenture of bargain and sale from James Mayse attorney in fact for Elizabeth Vennerson to Joel Wright was produced in Court acknowledged by the said James Mayse and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 Joel Wright was appointed to survey the route of a road to Pea Town:

> "On the Petition of Edmund Pate, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for the purpose, do view a way for a road from the Crossroads near Gish's store to intersect the road from James Paynes to Pea Town; and report to Court truly, and impartially, the conveniences & inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the advantages which will result to the several proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 Joel Wright was appointed to survey the route of a second road:

> "On the Petition of Thomas Bandy, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for that purpose, do view a way for a road from Hardys road near James Corleys passing his Mill at the mouth of Falling Creek to intersect the proposed road from the Crossroads to Paynes road at the next suitable point - And report to Court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally, in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the advantages which will result to the proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on March 7:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mar 7th	Joel Wright	1	7	8

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
	3.80	

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On beverdam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.63
" "	3.50		196.00	.25

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
Joel Wright		105	On Beverdam

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land	
12 SE	1.00		105.00	.11	of Eliza- beth Vinson

This record reflects the purchase of 105 acres of land by Joel Wright, as attorney in fact for Elizabeth Vennerson, in Bedford County Deed 28/371 set forth below.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Names	White Males Over 16	Slaves over 16	Slaves over 12	Horses Colts & Mules
Joel Wright	1			

Carryalls	Gigs	Carriages Baruches &c	M Clocks	S Watches &c	Gold Watches	Amount of Taxes

The 1841 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for Life	Number of Acres	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Roanoke	fee	84	SW Roanoke

Distance and bearing from the Courthouse	Value of land and building per acre	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of land and buildings	
4 W	.25		21.00	

Amt of Taxes	Remarks
.03	

On April 22, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/129 Joel and Amanda Wright sold 16 acres of land to Benjamin Bowles:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 22nd of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one between Joel Wright and Amanda his

wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Benjamin Bowles of the County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife for and in consideration of the sum of forty dollars to them in hand paid by the said Benjamin Bowles at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto the said Benjamin Bowles a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cate's creek, containing Sixteen acres be the same more or less and adjoining the lands of James Mayse, Joel Wright and said Bowles. Beginning at a Spanish oak corner on the road at the old School house, thence along said Bowles line N. 77 E. 39 poles to a red oak, thence along Mayse's line N. 2-1/2 degress E. 63 poles to a pine in Bowle's line, thence along his line N. 10 degrees W. 9 poles to a red oak (down) by the road, thence along the same as it meanders S. 33-1/2 degrees W. 38 poles S. 26 degrees W. 26 poles S. 7-1/2 degrees W. 12 poles S. 8 degrees E. 11 poles to the beginning To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land together with all its appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining unto the esaid Benjamin Bowles his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. And he the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife doth warrant and defend forever free from the claims of themselves or any other person or persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day and year above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered) Joel Wright
in the presence of) Amanda Wright

State of Virginia, Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Amanda Wright wife of Joel Wright a party to the annexed deed bearing date on the 22nd day of April 1841 personally appeared fefore us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Amanda Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly Signed, Sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 28th day of April 1841

Matthew Pate
William Mead

Bedford Clerks Office August 17th 1841

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Joel Wright and wife to Benjamin Bowles, was acknowledged by the said Joel Wright certified as to his wife and admitted to record

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on April 5:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Apl 5	Joel Wright	1	6	6

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		3.15

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam Cr
do		56	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.63
" "	3.50		196.00	.25

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Joel Wright		89	On Bever Dam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
12 SW	1.00		89.00	.12	off to B Bowles 16a

This record reflects the sale of 16 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 29/129.

The 1842 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for Life	Number of Acres A P	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Roanoke	fee	84	S Roanoke

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land & buildings per Acre $ ¢	Sum Added to the Land on account of buildings	Total value of land and Buildings $ ¢	$ ¢
6 W	.25		21.00	

Amount of Taxes $ ¢	Remarks
.03	

On October 10, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/51 Joel Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Braddock H. Payne.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
	Joel Wright	1	8	8	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James & Joel Wright		400	On Bever Dam
do		56	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	3.30	
" "	3.50		196.00	.30	

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Joel Wright		89	On Bever Dam

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
12 SW	1.00		89.00	.14	

The 1843 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for Life	Number of Acres	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Roanoke	fee	84	S Roanoke River

Directions & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land & buildings per Acre	Sum Added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of land and buildings	
6 W	.25		21.00	

Amount of Taxes	Remarks
.04	

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household on May 23:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	Joel Wright	1	8	8	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by__ in profit
		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents		
		4.45		

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings		Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.62	
" "	3.50		196.00	.25	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	89	On Beaver dam Cr(?)

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum __ __ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	_____	Explana tions of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
				.14	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of the Land
Joel Wright	Roanoke	fee	84	S Roanoke River

Directions & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land & Buildings per Acre	Sum added to the Land on account of Buildings	Total value of Land and Buildings	____
6 W	.25		21.00	

Amount of Taxes	Remarks
.03	

In February 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/398 Joel Wright was ordered to allot the hands for road repair:

> "Ordered that John Clayton, Joel Wright & Henry P. Williamson be appointed Commissioners to allot the hands between John Nimmo, Peter M. Wright and William Gilpin surveyors of roads in this County and make report to Court."

In February 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/407 Joel Wright was also ordered to supervise the opening of a road from Pea Town to the county line:

> "Ordered that Isaac James Sr. William Gish, Peter M. Wright and Joel Wright do superintend the opening and improvement in the road from Peatown by the Cross roads to the County line at Howell's Gap and the following surveyors of roads with their hands aid in opening and improving the same to Wit, John Nimmo, William Gilpin, James Mays Jr. Joel Wright, Peter M. Wright, Anthony P. Wright, Edmund Haynes, Elijah Howell, William Muse and Brice Meador & make reportto County."

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	1	9	9	5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying spe cific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

3.51

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____ _____
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	S. Roanoke River

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 W	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.02	

On November 19, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 Joel Wright's parents Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright amended the Support Agreement at D.B. 18/318:

> "Whereas by a covenant and agreement entered into between us (Tommy & Scinthia Wright) and James Wright Joel Wright & Jubal Wright (children of us the said Tommy and Scinthia Wright) bearing date on the 24th January 1824 provision was made by which the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubal Wright was to pay to our daughter Betsy (who had intermarried with a William Woodcock & who had departed this life previous to the date of the above mentioned covenants and agreements) the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid after the death of us the said Tommy & Sinthia and which was intened to be applied to the exclusive benefit and support of her the said Betsy's children by William Woodcock her first husband that is to the benefit of Scinthia Woodcock, Polly Woodcock & Green Berry Woodcock the only children of William Woodcock & Betsy Woodcock all of whom are still living the two former residing in the State of Tenesee & the latter in Kentucky. The said Betsy, widow of said William Woodcock having married again to a certain Bannister Meador and having Some children by him it appears from information derived from undoubted authority that it is the intention of the said Bannister Meador to exclude the above named 3 children of William Woodcock & Betsy & his wife

from all benefits arising out of the fund provided for them in the covenant and agreement aforesaid should it when paid go into his hands and thus defeat the true intent and object wich we had in view in making the provision aforesaid - As a proof of the correctness of our information in regard to the intention & determination of the said Bannister Meador in the premises we will here take occasion to state the fact that the appropriation made by Government of the sum of hundred dollars for the education of the three children before named of William Woodcock (who lost his life in the Service of his country) has been applied solely by the said Bannister Meadors to his own individual purposes and thus defeat the object of the appropriation to the injury of those it was intended to benefit. Now therefore with a view of carrying into effect our original design and intention and to prevent the misapplication of the two hundred dollars stipulated to be paid by the aforesaid James Wright, Joel Wright, Jubal Wright, after our death to the said Betsy Meadors we do by these presents direct and require the said James Wright & Joel Wright the surviving parties of the second part in the covenant and agreement before mentioned after our decease to pay the said two hundred dollars to the aforesaid Scinthia, Polly & Green Berry Woodcock the children of the said William Woodcock deceased and to no other person or persons whatsoever & for their own exclusive benefit & use forever - hereby correcting and revoking the authority in said covenant & agreement to the said James Joel & Jubal Wright to pay the same to Betsy Meadors, - In witness whereof we the said Tommy & Scinthia Wright have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals this 19th day of November 1845

Witness		his	
John Q A Wright,	Tommy	X	Wright
Robt W S Wright,		mark	
		her	
	Syntha	X	Wright
		mark	

Bedford Clerks Office November 24th 1845

This agreement between Wright & Wright was produced in the office proven by the oath of John Q. A. Wright, a subscribing witness. And at a court held for Bedford County March 23" 1846 the Same was further proven by the oath of Robert W S Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno W Steptoe CBC"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	1	8	10	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		3.93

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	89	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	1.00		89.00	.09	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	S Roanoke River

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 S	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.07	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	1	7	9	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		3.61

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright		fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do		"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright		fee	89	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom whom transferred
18 SW	1.00		89.00	.09	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to water-courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	S Roanoke River

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 SE	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.03	

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	1	1	9	7

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds by pur chase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

3.71

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preced ing year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	89	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	1.00		89.00	.09	

The 1848 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	S Roanoke River

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 SE	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.02	

On May 5, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/102 Joel and Amanda Wright joined William and Sarah Anderson in the sale of 50 acres of land to Thomas Kasey:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 5' day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty eight between William Anderson and Sarah Anderson his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part and Joel Wright and Amanda Wright his wife of the said County of the second part and Cornelius Pate of said County and William Payne of the County of Franklin of the third part and Thomas Kasey of the County of Bedford of the fourth part Witnesseth that the above William Anderson and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of seventy five Dollars to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Kasey the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said Thomas Kasey his heirs and assigns forever one undivided half of one certain tract or parsel of land known by the name of Bandy and Anderson's Mill tract containing fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows, Beginning at a certain corner on a branch in Paynes line thence down said branch to Beaverdam Creek, thence down said creek to the foot of Buck Hill formerly Bewley's tract now said Kasey's thence up a small branch to a large white oak corner, thence running with Said Kasey's line to a corner of the land said Kasey bought of James Paynes estate near the mill road thence bounded by Paynes land to the beginning to have and to hold the above granted land and premises which every appertenance thereunto belonging to him the said Thomas Kasey his heirs and assigns forever and we the said William Andersen and Sarah his wife will and doth by these presents warrant and will forever defend; and the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife for and in consideration of the sum of ____ to them in hand paid by Thomas Bandy and William Anderson the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge do and will for our selves, our heirs exer and admr warrant and will forever defend unto the said Thomas Kasey a good and lawful wright and title in fee simple to the above boundary of land containing fifty acres be the same more or less free from the claim of any other person whatsoever and we the said Cornelius Pate and William Payn trusteese in a certain deed of trust executed to us by William Anderson & Sarah his wife to secure the payment of sundry debts in said deed mentioned do hereby release unto Thomas Kasey his heirs and assigns forever all the wright title and interest of in and to the above described fifty acres of land, more or less, vested in us by the deed of trust _____ Thos. Kasey his heirs and assigns against ourselves our heirs and every other

person or persons whatsoever as trusteese afforesaid. In testimoney whereof we hereunto set our hands and affix our seals the day and date above written.

William his X mark Anderson

Sarah her X mark Anderson

Joel Wright
Amanda Wright
Cornelius Pate Trustee
William A Payne Trustee

Bedfore County to Wit.

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the state of Virga do hereby certify that Sarah Anderson wife of William Anderson and Amanda Wright wife of Joel Wright parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate to Thomas Kasey bearing date the 5th day of May 1848 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from their husbands and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Sarah Anderson and Amanda Wright acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and declared that they had no willingness to retract it, and that they had willingly assigned sealed and delivered the same. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of May 1848

Matthew Pate JP
Jno Claytor JP

Bedford County to Wit.

We David W. Quarles and Jno Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the county of Bedford do hereby Certify that William Anderson, Joel Wright, Cornelius Pate and William Payne parties to the foregoing conveyance have duly acknowledged the same on the 5th day of May in the year 1848 and desired us to certify the same acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of May 1848

D W Quarles
Jno Claytor JP

Bedford County Court, October the 23rd 1848

This deed from William Anderson & wife & others to Thomas Kasey conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the certificates thereto annexed, ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	1	7	8	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		3.28½

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam
do	"	"	56	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	89	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 SW	1.00		89.00	.09	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	S Roanoke River

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 SE	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.02	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel Wright	2		5	7	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax
	1					

Physi cians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
	2.96½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James & Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James & Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	400	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	56	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
17 SW	5.25	700	2100.00	2.10	
" "	3.50		196.00	.20	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Bedford	fee	38-3/4	Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	89	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	6.50		251.88	.26	Jno Q. A. Wright by deed 185
" "	1.00		89.00	.09	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to water-courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joel Wright	Roanoke	Fee	84	South Roanoke

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings
6 SE	.25		21.00

Am't of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
.02	

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed three Joel Rights. One of these was Joel M. Right, age 28, with his wife Martha, age 17, and Jubal, age 20, in his household among others. A second was Joel Right age 28 with wife Martha E., age 16, and Jubal, age 20, among others. Apparently Joel M. Right was listed twice in the same census. The third Joel Right had the following household on November 6, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel Right	31	M		Farmer	$2,400
Amanda Right	41	F			
Mary Ann Right	18	F			
James A. Right	16	M		Student	
Jno. M. Right	14	M			
Jno. E. Nelson	22	M		Labr	

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

The age of 31 places Joel's birth date as 1819, but this seems clearly a miscopying or misreading of the correct age of 51.

On December 21, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/236 Joel Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by William and Martha Franklin to secure a debt due to Joseph Feather.

In March 1851 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/502 Joel Wright was ordered to supervise the election of an overseer of the poor in Chamblissburg:

> "Ordered that an election of Overseers of the poor for this County be held as follows, for the first Battalion and 10th Regiment to be held on the 2nd Saruday in April next under the Superintendance of Joel Wright at Chamblessburg. . . ."

On September 17, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/367 Joel Wright purchased 67 3/4 acres of land from Jubal Jordan, as commissioner in the case of Jordan v. Jordan:

> "This deed made this the 17" day of September 1851 between Jubal Jordan Commissioner of one part and Joel Wright of the other part Whereas the County Court of Bedford at the June term of said Court 1851 rendered a decree in case of Jordan agst. Jordan & others for the sale of a tract of land, and whereas at a subsequent term of said Court to Wit at the August term 1851 the said court appointed Jubal Jordan Commissioner, and authorised him as such to convey by deed a certain tract of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, containing sixty seven and 3/4 acres adjoining the lands of John Nelson & Joel Wright known by the name of the Carver tract, and more particularly described in a deed of __ Corner to Vincent Jordan bearing date the __ day of ____ 18__ and of record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford County. Now this deed Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars in hand paid by said Wright the said Jordan as commissioner aforesaid under deed by virtue of said decree doth grant unto the said Joel Wright all the tract of land herein before mentioned and described in said bill & proceedings lying in the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of John Nelson and said Wright and containing sixty seven and 3/4 acres more or less, and the said Jordan as comr. aforesaid warrants specially the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signature & seal
>
> Jubal Jordan Com.

Bedford Clerks office September 18" 1851

This writing from Jubal Jordan, Commissioner to Joel Wright conveying real estate produced in office, acknowledged by said Jordan commissioner and admitted to record

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

The birth record of Jim Henry, a slave of Joel Wright, was dated in April 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Jim Henry
Date of Birth:	April 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
Mother's Name:	Susan"

The death record of Jim Henry, a slave of Joel Wright, was dated in July 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Jim Henry
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Joel Wright
Sex: Male
Date of Death: July 1853
Place of Death: Bedford Co Va
Cause of Death: dis. head
Names of Parents: Susan"

The death record of Judith, a slave of Joel Wright, was dated in July 1854 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Judith
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Joel Wright
Sex: Female
Date of Death: July 1854
Cause of Death: Pressure of the Brain
Age: 45"

The birth record of Albert, a slave of Joel Wright, was dated in April 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Albert
Date of Birth:	April 1856
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Mother's Name:	Winny
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The birth record of an unnamed female slave of Joel Wright was dated in April 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	
Date of Birth:	April 1859
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The birth record of an unnamed female slave of Joel Wright was dated in May 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	
Date of Birth:	May 1859
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The death record of an unnamed slave of Joel Wright was dated on May 8, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: ____
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Joel Wright
Sex: Female
Date of Death: May 8, 1859
Place of Death: Bedford Co
Cause of Death: Not known
Age: 2 months
Born: Bedford
Designation of Information: Owner"

The birth record of an unnamed male slave of Joel Wright was dated in June 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:

Date of Birth:	June 1859
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The birth record of a second unnamed male slave of Joel Wright was dated in June 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:

Date of Birth:	June 1859
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel Wright with the following household in the Davis Mills Port Office area on July 6, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel Wright	60	M		Farmer	13,000
A. Wright	50	F			
A. A. Hensley	28	F			
Jas A. Wright	28	M		Manufacturer of Tobacco	
Jas. A. Hensley	5	M			
A. I. Hensley	3	F			
Geo. D. Hensley	1	M			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
15,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
10,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record also seems clearly to establish Joel Wright's date of birth in approximately 1800 and Amanda (Jordan) Wright's date of birth in 1810, both in Virginia.

The birth record of Jordan, a slave of Joel Wright, was dated on December 19, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Jordan
Date of Birth:	December 19, 1860
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel Wright
Father's Residence:	Bedford
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Joel Wright.

On November 28, 1870, Joel Wright filed suit in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1203, against James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt regarding a debt due on a bill of exchange:

> "To the Honorable Gustavus A. Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County
>
> Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your orator Joel Wright that in the year 1861, on the 13th day of April of that year James M. Matthews James A. Wright and John M. Wright, who are partners and tobacconists, doing business under the firm & style of Matthews & Wright being indebted of your orator drew a bill of exchange directed to James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt partners and commission merchants doing business under the firm & style of Goggin and Holt, at Memphis, State of Tennessee directing the said Goggin and Holt to pay six months after the date thereof (the 13th day of April 1861) to the order of your orator, Joel Wright, Thirteen hundred & ninety dollars & fifty two cents Value received and charge the same to account of the said Matthews and Wright and after the said bill of exchange was so drawn by the said Matthews & Wright the said Goggin & Holt accepted the same by writing the words "accepted" on the face of the said bill and subscribing their names thereto by the discription of Goggin & Holt - whereby and according to the legal tenor and effect thereof the said Goggin & Holt promised and bound themselves to pay to your orator the said sum of thirteen hundred & ninety dollars & fifty two Cents six months from and after the 13" day of April 1861 all which will more fully and at large appear by the said bill of exchange herewith filed and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill, marked "B".
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> Your orator avers that the said bill maturd but the same nor no part thereof was unpaid either by the said Goggin & Holt, or either of them or any one for them, nor was the same paid by the said Matthews & Wright or either of them as by any one for them - but the whole amount thereof both of principal and interest still remains due and unpaid to your orator.
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> Your orator further avers that he omitted at the maturity of the said bill of exchange & after the said Goggin & Holt had failed to pay the same to have the same protested for non payment and that thereby the said Matthews & Wright are released & discharged from all liability to pay the same and that your orator is compelled to look solely to the said Goggin & Holt for the payment thereof. Your orator further charges that the said James M. Goggins and Benjamin W. L. Holt reside beyond the limits of this Commonwealth in parts to your orator unknown Your orator further charges that on the ____ day of ____ in the year 1870 one John W. Holt Sr last of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, the

father of Benjamin W. L. Holt, died siezed and possessed of a large quantity of real estate lying & being in the said County of Bedford and considerable personal property as follows, a tract or parcel of land lying near Liberty situated in the County of Bedford containing 587 acres - also a tract situated in said county on Little Otter containing 473 acres - also a tract containing 553 acres described on the Commissioners Books for the north side of Bedford County as lying on Rocky Mt in said County.

Your orator can not Certainly say, but he has reason to believe & charge that the said John W. Holt Sr made his last will and testament by which he gave & bequeathed to the said Benjamin W. L Holt an interest in all of his real & personal estate with his other children - eight besides the said Benjamin W. L. Holt and including the heirs of William L. Holt decd, a son of the said John W. Holt Sr decd but if the said John M. Holt Sr did so make his last will and testament the same has not yet been admitted to probate. However that may be, your orator charges that the said Benjamin W. L. Holt has an interest in all of the estate both real and personal of which the said John W. Holt Sr died sized and possessed and that the same is liable to be attached and subjected to the payment of the debt of your Orator hereinbefore mentioned. In tender Consideration whereof and inasmuch as your orator is without adequate remedy save in a Court of equity, he prays that the said James M. Goggin & Benjamin W. L. Holt be made parties defendant to this suit and compelled to answer this bill on their several corporal oaths that your Honor will make a decree attaching and subjecting the interests of the said B. W L. Holt both in the real & personal estate of his deceased father John W. Holt whatever it may be to the payment of your orators debt aforesaid against the said Goggin & Holt & that if the said John W Holt Sr made his last will & testament, as your orator believes & charges that your orator may make the said Executors named in said will parties defendants to this suit when they qualify. Grant to your orator the usual order of publications against absent defendants & the Commonwealths writ of summons commanding &c & all such other & further relief as equity & justice may dictate & as may seem fit to your Honor & as in duty bound &c will ever pray &c

L. A. Sale p.q

In Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's office November 28th 1870 Above Bill sworn to before me by James M. Matthews Agent for Plaintiff.

Teste,
R. D. Buford Clk"

Benjamin W. L. Holt filed his answer to the suit and claimed he had filed a petition in bankruptcy on May 13, 1868, in the District Court for the Southern District of New York and the debt had been discharged.

On November 18, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/148 Joel Wright filed a lis pendens with regard to his suit against Benjamin W. L. Holt:

"In the Circuit Court of Bedford County
Joel Wright Plaintiff
against
James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt late partners under the style and firm of Goggin & Holt Defendants

The above is the title of a suit in chancery depending in said Court in which an attachment was sued out by the plaintiff, the object of the suit is to subject it to sale by the decree of the said Court, the interest of the defendant Benjamin W. L. Holt in the real estate of which John W. Holt Sr. died died sized & possessed consisting of the following tracts of land - to wit - a tract or parcel of land lying near Liberty situated in the County of Bedford containing 587 acres - also a tract situated in said County on Little Otter, Containing 473 acres - also a tract of 553 acres described on the Commissioner Books for the North Side of Bedford County as lying on Rocky Mt in said County - as also the interest of the said Benjamin W. L. Holt in the personal estate of which the said John W. Holt Sr. died seized & possessed - and apply the proceeds of the sale of the interest of the said Benjamin W. L. Holt in the estate of his father John W. Holt Sr decd. to the payment of a bill of exchange or draft, drawn by Matthews & Wright on Goggin & Holt of Memphis Tennessee (of which last firm Benjamin W. L. Holt was a member) in favor of the plaintiff for $1390.52¢ due the 13 & 16th day of October 1861 & bearing interest from the said 16th day of October 1861

L A Sale counsl for plaintiff
Teste,
R. L. Buford, Clk
Nov 28th 1870

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office November 18th 1870

This Memorandum of the object of the suit of Joel Wright Plaintiff against James M. Goggin and B. W. L. Holt defendants was this day produced in said office & admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 5, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 6/60 Joel Wright's suit against James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. S. Holt was dismissed by consent of the parties:

> "Joel Wright Plaintiff
> against
> James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. S. Holt Defendants
>
> By consent of the parties by their counsel, it is ordered, that this suit be dismissed"

On December 20, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/556 Joel and Amanda Wright sold 650 acres of land to William M. Fields:

> "This Indenture made this 20th day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Seventy three, between Joel Wright and Amanda his wife, of the first part, and William M Fields of the second part, all of the County of Bedford State of Virginia, witnesseth that the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Eight Thousand dollars, to be paid in the following manner viz. Two thousand dollars on the 31st day of Decr 1873 and the balance in six equal annual instalments bearing interest at the rate of Six per centum per annum till paid from the 31st day of Decr 1873, for which the party of the second part has executed his bonds have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bar_____ signs all that piece or parcel of land situate in the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, and on which the said Wright now resides, to wit: Bounded on the North by Edward W. Dearing, and Sulsan Wright, on the West by the Estate of Christopher Preston, Thomas Melson and Polly Melson, on the South by Joseph W. Mays and Whitfield Harris and on the East by the Hopkins Mill Road and Joel W. Wright, containing six hundred and fifty one acres more or less, together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and all the estate right, title, interest, claim and demand of the said party of the first part herein, and the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife, party of the first part hereby expressly waive, release relinquish and convey unto the said party of the second part, all right title claim interest and benefit whatsoever in and to the above described premises and each and every part thereof, with the exception of one half acre of land which is occupied as a grave yard which is hereby retained by the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife; and it is further provided that a lieon is hereby retained and held by the party of the first part upon the said land until the whole of the purchase money with accrued interest if any shall be paid and when such purchase money shall have been paid with the accrued interest, the said Joel Wright and Amanda his wife, for themselves, and their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant grant bargain and agree to and with the party of the second part, and with his heirs, and assigns, that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of

the second part, and his heirs and assigns, the party aforesaid of the first part shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said party of the first part have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Joel Wright
Amanda Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M. McManaway and D. W. Hannabass Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that Joel Wright and Amanda Wright, wife of Joel Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 20th day of December 1873, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, and he the said Joel Wright acknowledged the same before us, and she the said Amanda Wright being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Amanda Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 10th day of April 1874.

James M. McManaway J.P.
D. W. Hannabass J.P.

____ deed has been fully paid, and the lien retained in said deed is hereby released and discharged. Witness my hand and seal this 28 day of January 1884

Witness
Ro S Quarles

J. M. Wright

In Bedford County Court January 28th 1884.

This Deed from Joel Wright and wife to William M. Fields, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 1, 1875, The Lynchburg Tri-Weekly News published the following death notice for Joel Wright:

"Dead. - Mr. Joel Wright . . . . and respected citizen of . . . . Thursday, at the adva. . . . years."

Tombstones Inscriptions Of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following entry for Longwood Cemetery, east of Bedford:

"Joel Wright March 25, 1797
February 25, 1875"

The will of Joel Wright was dated on January 17, 1874, probated on April 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/267, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen. I Joel Wright being of sound and deposing mind make this to be my last will and testament as follows, viz. I will and direct that all my debts, furneral and burial expences be paid as soon after my decease as practicable, which I charge to my whole estate - After which, in consideration of the love and affection I bear my wife Amanda Wright, I will and bequath her one half of my entire Estate both real and personal of every description. The other half of said Estate I will and bequeath to my four children to be equally divided between them as follows To my daughter Elizabeth R. Matthews I give one fourth of said one half my Estate, and if at her death any part thereof remains to the legal heirs of her body to be equally divided between them - To my daughter Mary A. Hensley, I give one fourth part of said half of my estate and if at her death any part thereof remains, to the legal heirs of her body to be equally divided between them To my son James A. Wright I give one fourth part of said half of my estate and to my son John M. Wright, the remainder of said half of my estate - I also nominate and appoint my son John M. Wright to be my Administrator and Executor of this my last will and testament and as such I will that he may not be ruled to security, this January 17, 1874

Joel Wright

. . . . .

said testator this 17th day of January 1874

Joseph L. Harris
Griffin A. Crouch
Thomas A. Jeter, Jr.

In Bedford County Court, April 27th 1875

This last will and testament of Joel Wright decd. bearing date the 17th day of January 1874 was produced in Court proved according to law by the oaths of Joseph L. Harris and Thomas A. Jeter Jr. two of the subscribing witnesses

thereto and ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of said Joel Wright deceased. And on the motion of John M. Wright the Executor in said will named who made oath thereto, and without security, according to the directions of said will, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Eight thousand dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form. And said bond is ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

This record identifies the family of 1875 Joel Wright as follows:

Wife: Amanda (____) Wright,

Children:
1) Elizabeth R. (Wright) Matthews,
2) Mary A. (Wright) Hensley,
3) James A. Wright, and
4) John M. Wright.

On June 26, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/284 an inventory of bonds for the estate of Joel Wright was filed:

"Liberty May 30th 1875
We the undersigned appointed by the County Court of Bedford at its April term to appraise the personal estate of Joel Wright deceased do report that the following bonds have been submitted to them and are declared solvent - viz -

1 Note of Wm M Fields due Jany 1st 1874	$2000
1 Note of Wm M Felds " " 1st 1875	1000
1 Note of Wm M Fields " " 1st 1876	1000
1 Note of Wm M Fields due Jny 1st 1877	1000
1 Note of Wm M Fields due Jny 1st 1878	1000
1 Note of Wm M Fields due Jny 1st 1879	1000
1 Note of W M Fields due Jny 1st 1880	1000

All of which bear interest from the 1st day of Jany 1874

C. A. Board)
Jas W. Brown) Appraisers
John M. Peters)
John M Wrights Exor

The foregoing Inventory examined & found in proper form

J E Wharton
Commr of Accounts
Bed: Co: Court

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 26th 1875.

This Inventory and Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Joel Wright deceased, was produced in said Office, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles C.B.C."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Amanda L. Wright in the John M. Wright household and her age as 67 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1813.

On February 15, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/436 Amanda Wright purchased the residence of John M. Wright in Liberty from John M. Wright:

"Whereas by the will of Joel Wright decd, which was admitted to probate in the County Court of Bedford County on the 27th day of April 1875, and recorded in will book X page 267 the said Joel Wright bequeathed one half of his Estate, which consisted of personal estate, to Amanda Wright; and whereas John M. Wright was, by said will appointed Executor thereof, and qualified as such, without surety, none being required; and whereas assets of the estate, after payment of the indebtedness, amounting to a large sum, between Eight and nine thousand Dollars came to the hands of said Executor; and whereas the said Amanda Wright, by the terms of said will, was entitled to one half of said sum, with interest thereon from the time it should have been paid to her by said Executor; and whereas said John M. Wright, Executor as aforesaid has not paid to said Amanda Wright the said one half of the said sum and interest bequeathed to her as aforesaid = but has only paid her a portion thereof and is, as of this date, still indebted to her in the sum Six thousand two hunded and Eighty nine & 50/100 [missing line] this day until paid; and whereas the said John M. Wright has bargained and sold unto the said Amanda Wright the house and lot in the town of Liberty, hereinafter mentioned and described.

Now this deed made and entered into this 15th day of February 1889, by and between the said John M. Wright of the first part and the said Amanda Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand Dollars, part and parcel of the amount due and unpaid to the said

Amanda Wright by the said John M. Wright, as aforesaid, the receipt of said sum of $4000. being hereby acknowledged, he the said John M. Wright doth, by these presents, grant and convey unto the said Amanda Wright a house and lot on Bridge Street near its intersection with Peaks Street in the town of Liberty, being the house and lot on which said John M. Wright now resides, which was formerly owned by J. T. Johnson, and being the same property which was conveyed to said John M. Wright by deed from L. D. Haymond Commr., recorded in Deed book Y.Y. page 450 the lot hereby conveyed being in said deed described as two lots.

To have and to hold to her the said Amanda Wright, her heirs &c forever with general warranty

Witness the following signature and seal

John M. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 15th, 1889.

This Deed from John M. Wright to Amanda Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said John M. Wright, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On May 28, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 67/293 Amanda Wright sold a lot of land in Bedford City to O. B. Barker:

"This Deed, made this 28th day of May, 1891, between Amanda Wright, of the first part, and O. B. Barker, of the second part, Witnesseth: That, for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars, the party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part, with general warranty of title, a certain lot of ground situated at the corner of Bridge and Lee Streets, in Bedford City, Virginia, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of said streets, and running thence with Lee Street 245 feet to a fifteen foot alley to be opened from Lee Street by the party of the first part, thence with said Alley, parallel to the line of the school lot - 80 feet, and thence by a straight line to Bridge Street, and thence with Bridge Street 90 feet to the beginning; and the right to use the alley to be opened as afororesaid shall be appurtenant to the lot hereby conveyed; the said lot being a part of a lot conveyed to the party of the first part by John M. Wright, by deed dated February 15th 1889, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, in Deed Book 62, page 436, See also deed book YY, page 450. And the party of the first part covenants

that she has the right to convey the said land; that she has done no act to encumber the same; that the party of the second part shall have quiet possession thereof free from all incumbrances; and that she will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signature and seal

Amanda Wright

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, S. H. Quarles, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Amanda Wright, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date May 28th 1891, has acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this 1st day of June, 1891.

S. H. Quarles, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 1st, 1891.

This Deed from Amanda Wright to O. B. Barker, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and, together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 27, 1897, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 75/76 Amanda Wright sold a lot of land on Bridge Street to O. B. Barker:

"This Deed made the 27th day of March 1897 between Amanda Wright of the first part, and O. B. Barker of the second part Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Two thousand Dollars the party of the first part doth grant unto the party of the second part the house and lot on North Bridge Street on which the said Amanda Wright resides, it being the same lot conveyed to Amand Wright by Jno M. Wright by deed recorded in the Clerks Office of Bedford County in deed Book No. 62 Page 436 to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description, except so much of the said lot as has heretofore been conveyed by the said Amanda Wright to O. B. Barker by deed recorded in the Clerks Office of Bedford County in Deed Book No. 67 Page 293 and the said

Amanda Wright agrees to warrant generally the title to the property hereby conveyed Witness the following signature and seal this the day above written.

Amanda Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I, D. A. Board a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that Amanda Wright whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 27th day of March 1897, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 29th day of March 1897.

C. A. Board, N.P.

At Bedford County Court, April 2nd 1897

This Deed from Amanda Wright to O. B. Barker, conveying real estate was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax $2.00 Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

Tombstones Inscriptions Of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following entry for Longwood Cemetery, east of Bedford:

"Amanda Jordan,	February 9, 1810
wife of Joel Wright	June 5, 1899"

Our Kin listed the same dates for the births and deaths as the tombstones except for Joel Wright's birth date, which was listed as March 25, 1799. Based on the Census records, the year 1799 on the tombstone was probably misread as 1797. Amanda was listed in Our Kin as the daughter of Leroy and Rhoda Mayse Jordan.

Our Kin also stated that based on a Family Bible the children of Joel and Amanda Wright were as follows:

1) Elizabeth Rhoda (Wright) Matthews, born on May 13, 1829;

2) Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley, born on April 7, 1832;

3) James A. Wright, born on March 11, 1834; and

4) John Mays Wright, born on September 19, 1836, near Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County and Amanda (Jordan) Wright were the following:

1) Elizabeth Rhoda (Wright) Matthews, born on May 13, 1829, at Virginia, probably Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley, born on April 7, 1832, at Virginia, probably Bedford County, Virginia,

3) James A. Wright, born on March 11, 1834, at Virginia, probably Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) John Mays Wright, born on September 19, 1836, near Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Elizabeth Rhoda (Wright) Matthews, Her Husband James M. Matthews, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth Rhoda (Wright) Matthews was a daughter of 1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County and Amanda (Jordan) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1875 Joel[4])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth R. Wright, daughter of Joel, and James M. Matthews was dated on May 26, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, with R.D.P. Read as surety and the marriage on June 1, 1848:

"Mr John R. Steptoe
Clerk of the County Court of Bedford

I hereby authorize you to ishue license to James M Matthews. that will legally unite him in Marriage to my Daughter Elizabeth R and this shall be your sufficient guarantee for so doing. Given under my hand this 25th day of May 1848

Joel Wright

Know all men by these presents, That we, James M. Matthews and Randolph D. P. Read are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to

which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 26th day of May 1848.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James M. Matthews and Elizabeth R. Wright daughter of Joel Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. James M. Matthews
in presence of R. D. P. Read

Return of Marriages by James Leftwich from November 1st 1844 up to 1st December 1850
. . . .

James Matthews to Elizabeth R. Wright June 1st 1848
. . . ."

The 1850 Bedford County, Va. Census by Marvin U. Neighbors listed James M. Matthews with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
James M. Matthews	26	Merchant	Virginia
Elizabeth Matthews	21		Virginia
Ann H. Matthews	1		Virginia
Va. Matthews	60		Virginia
Wm. H. Matthews	24		Virginia
Drury H. Smith	31	Pealer	Virginia

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Matthews was born in about 1829 and that James M. Matthews was born in about 1824.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Matthews with the following household on July 6, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jas M. Mathews	31	M		Manufacturer of Tobacco	4,000
E R Mathews	30	F			
A H Mathews	10	F			
C B Mathews	6	F			
Thos. P Mathews	4	M			
Chas. C Mathews	1	M			
John M. Wright	23	M		Manufacturer of Tobacco	
O. L. Wright	22	F			
Thomas Richardson	20	M		Day laborer	800
A M Foster	28	M		Day laborer	
E. F. Foster	20	F			
Geo Bowers	16	M	M	Mechanic	
W. Gilpin	12	M	M		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
16,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
14,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia	1			
	Virginia	1			
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record indicates that Elizabeth R. (Wright) Mathews was born in about 1830 and that James M. Mathews was born in about 1829.

On March 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/421 James M. Matthews, James A. Wright, and John M. Wright purchased two tracts of 193-1/2 acres and 210 acres of land from Charles J. and Mary M. Jones and William A. and Margaret A. Miller:

"This Deed made this 28th day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, between Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife of the one part, and James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part. Witnesseth. that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright the following tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, to wit, One hundred and ninety three and a half acres situate on the west side of Triggs road and on the waters of Echol's creek, including a part of Chestnut Mountain, and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Triggs road, thence along Early's line N 71°1/2 W at 68 poles crossing a branch, at 112 poles crossing a branch, in all 302 poles to a black oak on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along the road as it meanders N 7°1/2 E 58 poles N 16° W 16-1/2 poles to a black oak on the west side of said road thence new dividing lines S 71°1/2 E 101 poles to a stake in a Tobacco House near a hollow, N 84° E 180 poles crossing a branch in all 228 poles to a stake on Trigg's road, thence along the road as it meanders S 0°1/2 E at 11 poles crossing a branch in all 15 poles S 33°1/4 W 34 poles S 17°1/2 W 80 poles, S 1°1/2 W 14 poles S 6° E 28-1/2 poles to the beginning. Also Two hundred and ten acres adjoining the above, and bounded as follows, beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along Smith and Hobson's lines N 71°1/2 W at 30 poles crossing a dry branch at 100 poles crossing branch at 107 poles passing Smith's corner White oak, in all 139 poles to a large spanish oak, thence along Hobsons lines N 27° E 96 poles to a white oak on the North side of Dickinson road, thence along the road as it meanders N 84° E 40 poles N 85° E 12 poles to a small poplar on the North side of said road, thence off along Harris and Otey's line S 62° E at 28 poles passing Harris pointers at 36 poles crossing Hailsford road in all 86 poles and 6 links to a large forked chestnut, thence with Otey's line S 72°1/2 E 77 poles to a chestnut N 38°1/4 E 97 poles 10 links to pointers, thence with Wingfield's line N 89°1/2 E 83 poles 10 links to a post oak thence with Mansfield's lines S 81° E 87-1/2 poles to a stake on Trigg's road near a branch, thence along the road as it meanders S 22°1/2 W 24 poles S 28° W 116 poles S 4°1/2 E 33 poles to a stake and rock pile on said road, thence off new dividing lines S 84° W at 48 poles crossing a branch, in all 228 poles to a stake in a Tobacco house in a hollow N 71°1/2 W 101 poles to a black oak on the West side of Hailsford road thence along the road S 16° E 16-1/2 poles S 7°1/2 W 58 poles to the beginning, it being the same tracts of land conveyed to the said Charles J Jones and William H Miller by William D Miller and Sarah E his wife by deed bearing date on the 28th day of January 1863 and of record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed Book ____ to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said tracts of land. And the said Charles J Jones and

William A Miller covenants that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the said tracts of land, that they and their said wife's Mary M and Margaret A have the right to convey the same to the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright, that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller have done no act to incumber the said land that the said James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrances, and that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Charles J Jones
Wm A Miller
M M Jones
M A Miller

City of Lynchburg to wit

We J M Booker and T C Ferguson justices of the peace for the City of Lynchburg State of Virginia do certify that Charles J Jones & William A Miller whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of March 1863 have acknowledged the same before us in the city aforesaid. And we do further certify that Mary M wife of Charles J Jones and Margaret A wife of Wm A Miller whose names are likewise signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in the City aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their said husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them acknowledged the same to be their act & deed and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 26th day of January Eighteen hundred & Sixty four

J M Booker JP
T C S Ferguson J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office the 28th day of January 1864

This deed from Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife to James M Matthews James A. Wright and John M Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 29th $7.00 United States Internal Revenue stamps, placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On March 31, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/221 James M. Matthews, James A. Wright, and John M. Wright purchased 296 acres of land from Jesse T. Hopkins and Mildred Hopkins:

"This deed made this 31st day of March 1863 Between Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife of the one part and James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty three thousand six hundred and eighty Dollars, cash in hand paid by the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A Wright & Jno M Wright to the said Jesse T Hopkins and wife the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, they the said Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews, Jas A & Jno M Wright all that certain tract or parcel of Land lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the head South branches of the North Fork of Little Otter, adjoining the town of Liberty containing Two hundred and ninety six acres, it being the same land conveyed to the said Jesse T Hopkins and Jesse H Turner jointly by Jacob Fizer by deed bearing date on the 25th day of February 1845 and of record in the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court in deed book "EE" Pages 327-328 & 329 to which deed ference is hereby made for a more particular description of the Land hereby conveyed and the said Jesse T Hopkins covenants that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of said tract of land that he and his said wife have the right to convey the same to the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright that he the said Jesse T Hopkins has done no act to encumber the said land that they the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumberances and that he the said Jesse T Hopkins will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Jesse T Hopkins
Mildred Hopkins

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office March 31st 1863

This deed from Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred Hopkins his wife to James M Matthews James A & John M Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and acknowledged by the said Jesse T Hopkins, And Mildred Hopkins wife of the said Jesse T Hopkins whose names are signed to the said deed, bearing date on the 31st day of March 1863, personally appeared before me, in said Office, and being examined by me, privily and apart from her said husband,

and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Mildred Hopkins acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon said deed was admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 26th $7.00. U.S. Internal Revenue stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On January 16, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/54 James M. Matthews purchased 3-1/2 acres of land from James A. and Cornelia B. Wright:

"This Deed made this 16" day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty six between James A. Wright and Cornelia B. his wife of the one part & James M. Matthews of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Six thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said James A. Wright & Cornellia B. his wife to grant onto the said James M. Matthews all of our right, title and interest in the following tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, to wit: four hundred and three and one half acres, it being the same tracts of land conveyed to the said James A. Wright and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright by Charles Jones and Mary M. his wife and William A. Miller and Margaret A. his wife by deed bearing date on the 28" day of March 1863, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed book P.P. page 421 to which reference is hereby made for a more for a more particular description of said tracts of lands. Also all of our right title and interest in Two hundred and ninety six acres it being the same tract of land conveyed to the said James A. Wright & James M. Matthews and John M Wright by Jesse T. Hopkins and his wife ____ by deed bearing date on the __ day of ____ 1863 and of record in the Clerks Office of the County Court of the said County, in Deed book __ page __ to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said tract of land. And the said James A. Wright covenants that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of the said land, that he and his wife Cornelia B. have the right to convey the same to the said James M Matthews that he the said James A. Wright has done no act to encumber the said land, that the said James M. Matthews shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrances and that he the said James A. Wright will

warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures & seals.

James A. Wright
Cornelia B. Wright

County of Bedford to wit:

I John R. Steptoe a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bedford State of Virginia, do certify that James A. Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 16th day of January 1866 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid and I do further certify that Cornelia B. wife of James A. Wright whose name is signed likewise to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before me in the County of Bedford and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal this 16" day of January Eighteen hundred and sixty six.

Jno. R. Steptoe J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office the 16th day of May 1868. This Deed from James A. Wright and Cornelia B. his wife to James M. Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said Office with United States Internal Revenue Stamps affixed thereto of the amount of six dollars cancelled according to law, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On May 11, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/53 J. M. Mathews with his partner John M. Wright executed a deed of trust to John W. Sale to secure a debt due to Sarah L. Meredith:

"This Deed made this 11th day of May 1868 between J. M. Matthews John M. Wright copartners trading under the style & firm of Matthews & Wright of the first part, John W. Sale of the second part and Sarah L. Meredith of the third part witnesseth that the said Matthews & Wright are justly indebted to the said Sarah L. Meredith in the sum of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars due and payable on the 11th day of November 1868 by note bearing date 11th day of May 1868 the payment whereof the said J. M. Matthews & John M. Wright are desirous to secure Now this deed witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said

John W. Sale the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright doth grant with general warranty unto the said John W. Sale the following real estate to wit, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the heads(?) south branch of the North fork of Little Otter adjoining the Town of Liberty containing two hundred and ninety six acres it being the same land conveyed to James A. Wright, James M. Matthews & John ____ by Jesse T. ____ by deed bearing date 31st day of March 1863 and of record in Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court in Deed book PP page 221 & 222 to which deed reference is hereby made for more particular description of land hereby conveyed. Upon trust, nevertheless the said J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall remain in quiet possession and take the profits thereof to their own use until the said J. M. Matthews & John M. Wright shall make default in the payment of the said ____ of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars Then upon This further trust that the said John W. Sale shall as soon after happening of such default of payment as he may be requested by the said Sarah L. Meredith sell the said real estate or such part thereof as shall be sufficient for the purpose at public auction to the highest bidder for cash after having fixed the time and place of sale at his discretion and given sixty days notice thereof in one of the newspapers published in the City of Lynchburg and also notified the same at the door of the Courthouse of the County on some Court day previous to the day of sale and out of the proceeds of the sale shall after paying the expenses of sale, pay to the said Sarah L. Meredith the debt aforesaid and interest thereon or such part as may be due and the balance if any to the said J M Matthews & John M. Wright their Executors, Administrators or assigns, but if the said debt and interest shall be paid off and discharged on or before the 11th day of November 1868 so that no default of payment is made of the said debt then this deed shall be void or else remain in full force. Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. M. Matthews
John M. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office the 16th day of May 1868.

This deed of trust _____ M. Wright copartners trading under the style & firm of Matthews & Wright to John W Sale Trustee for the benefit of Sarah L. Meredith conveying real estate was produced in said Office with four dollars United States Internal Revenue stamps affixed thereto cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said J M. Matthews & John M. Wright and admitted to records

Teste
A. A. Archur CBC."

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/548 James M. Matthews and Elizabeth R. Matthews sold 330 acres of land to John M. Wright:

"This Deed made this 11th day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and Seventy between James M Matthews and Elizabeth R his wife of the county of Bedford of the first part and John M Wright of the said County of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars, the said James M Matthews and Elizabeth R his wife do grant unto the said John M Wright with general warranty all that tract or parcel of land purchased of Jones and Miller lying east of the road from Liberty to Joppa Mills containing about Three hundred and thirty acres more or less, being a portion of the same tract of land conveyed to James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright by Jones and Miller of date March 28 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP page 421 where reference may be more fully had. Also one moiety or half interest in the lot and Factory building conveyed to the said Matthews by William T. Campbell being one half of three fourths interest in said lot and Factory recorded in Deed Book PP page 226 where reference can be more fully had. Also one half interest in a tract of land conveyed to James M Matthews by John M Brosins and wife recorded in Deed Book P.P. page 101 where reference can be more fully had.

Witness our hand and seals this day above written

James M Matthews
E. R. Matthews

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the county of Bedford in the state of Virginia do certify that Elizabeth R. Matthews wife of James M Matthews whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 4" day of March 1870 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Elizabeth R. Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14" day of July 1870

Ro S Quarles NP.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office July 14" 1870

This deed from James M Matthews and wife to John M Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said James M Matthews and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles CBC"

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/549 James M. Matthews purchased a parcel of land from John M. Wright and O. L. Wright:

"This Deed made this 4th day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and Seventy between John M Wright and his wife O L Wright of the County of Bedford of the first part, and James M Matthews of the said County of the other part, Witness that in consideration of the sum of ____ dollars the said John M. Wright and his wife O L Wright do grant unto the said James M Matthews with general warranty, all that tract or parcel of land lying west of the road running from Liberty to Halesford being a part of the same tract conveyed to James M Matthews, James A. Wright and John M Wright by Jones & Miller bearing date on the 28th day of March 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP Page 421 where reference can be more fully had as to lines and boundaries, Containing as supposed about Seventy acres. Also all their interest in a certain tract of land lying west of the town of Liberty conveyed unto the said James M Matthews, James A. Wright and John M Wright by Jesse(?) T. Hopkins and wife bearing date on the __ day of ___ and recorded in Deed Book P.P. page __ where reference can be had for a more particular description of same as to lines boundaries &c, supposed to contain about two hundred and ninety six afcres.

Witness our hands and seals this day above written

Jo M. Wright
O. L. Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

I Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Otweanna L. Wright wife of John M Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 4th day of March 1870 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing

aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweanna L Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1870

Ro S Quarles NP.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 14th 1870

This Deed from John M Wright & wife to James M Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said Office, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said John M Wright & together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles NP"

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/550 James M. Matthews purchased 70 acres of land from John M. Wright and O. L. Wright:

"This Deed made this 4th day of March in the year One Thousand eight hundred and Seventy between John M Wright and O. L. Wright his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part, and James M Matthews of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars the said John M Wright and his wife Otweanna L. do grant unto the said James M Matthews with general warranty all that trust or parcel of land lying west of the road running from Liberty to Staunton River being a portion of the tract of land purchased by Jones & Miller by J M Matthews J A Wright and John M Wright and supposed to contain about Seventy acres and conveyed to the said J M Matthews J. A. Wright and John M Wright by the said Jones & Miller of date on the 28th day of March 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP page 421, where reference can be fully had as to boundaries &c &c

Witness our hands & seals this day above written

John M Wright
O. L. Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State aforesaid, do certify Otweanna T. Wright wife of John M. Wright whose names

are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 4 day of March 1870, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweana T. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she did not wish to retract it and had willingly executed the Same. Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1870

Ro S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 14th 1870

This Deed from John M Wright & wife to James M Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said office stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue stamps cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said John M Wright and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles CB.C."

On February 18, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/102 John W. Sale executed a release of a deed of trust to James M. Matthews and John M. Wright upon payment of the debt of $37,050 and a debt of $2,000:

"This Deed made this 18th day of February 1871 between John W Sale Trustee in a deed of trust executed by James M Matthews and John M Wright under the style and firm of Matthews and Wright bearing date 11th day of May 1868 of the one part and said Matthews & Wright of the other part whereas the said Matthews and Wright did by deed bearing date as aforesaid, which deed is recorded in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford County, convey to said Sale the following property to wit - a certain tract or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the County of Bedford on the head south branch of the north fork of Little Otter adjoining the town of Liberty, containing two hundred and ninety acres, it being the same land conveyed to said Mathews and Wright by Jessee T Hopkins by deed bearing date 31st March 1863 found in deed book PP page 221 & 222 - in trust to secure Sarah L Meredith the payment of a debt of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars with interest thereon from th 14th day of May 1868 till paid - and also a deed of trust executed by James M Matthews to said John W Sale trustee bearing date as of the 6th day of August 1868 - whereas the said Matthews did by deed as aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid which is recorded in County Courts Clerks office in the Bedford state of Virginia, convey to said John W Sale the following property to wit - all that tract of land, lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the Va & TRR one mile from the town of Liberty containing two hundred and twelve acres & 30 poles it being

the same land conveyed to said Mathhews by John M Brosius and wife by deed bearing date ____ and recorded in Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford in deed book 22 page 101 - in trust to secure Sarah L Meredith a debt of two thousand dollars due and payable on the 8th day of december 1868 by note bearing date 8th June 1868 with interest thereon from date of note till paid. And whereas the said Matthews and Wright have paid to Sarah L Meredith the debt secured in their said deed with interest thereon and also whereas the said James M Matthews has paid to the said Sarah L Meredith the debt secured by his aforesaid deed with interest thereon, and has required the said John W Sale to return th said Matthews & Wright and the said James M. Matthews the property conveyed by said deeds - Now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of th premises and of the sum of one dollar the said John W Sale doth hereby release and convey with special warranty unto Mathews and Wright the real estate aforesaid conveyed by them by the deed of trust aforesaid and also to return and convey with special warranty unto James M Matthews the real estate conveyed by him, by the deed of trust aforesaid

Witness the following signature & seal

Jno. W. Sale

The foregoing Deed is made by and with my consent. Given under my hand & seal the date first above written

S. L Meredith

Bedford County, to wit:

I, Samuel G Wingfield, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that John W. Sale and S. L. Meredith, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 18th day of February 1871 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1871.

S. G. Wingfield, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 5th 1875.

This Deed of Release from John W. Sale, Trustee, to James M. Matthews & John M. Wright, releasing real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The will of 1875 Joel Wright dated January 17, 1874, and probated on April 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/267 listed Elizabeth R. Matthews as one of his children:

> ". . . . The other half of said Estate I will and bequeath to my four children to be equally divided between them as follows To my daughter Elizabeth R. Matthews I give one fourth of said one half my Estate, and if at her death any part thereof remains to the legal heirs of her body to be equally divided between them . . . ."

Historical Diary of Bedford, Virginia, U.S.A. by Peter Viemeister included a map of Bedford, Virginia, in about 1875 showing the location of the tobacco factory of Mathews & Wright:

Downtown Bedford - circa 1875.

On November 17, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/27, James and E. R. Matthews sold an interest in a lot and tobacco factory in Liberty to John M. Wright:

"This Deed made this 17th day of November, 1875, between James M. Matthews and E. R. Matthews his wife of the one part and John M Wright of of the other part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars the said James M. Matthews and E. R. Matthews his wife do convey with general warranty unto the said John M. Wright one equal undivided moiety in the tobacco factory and lot lying in the Corporate limits of the town of Liberty adjoining the residence of said Matthews this day conveyed to said James M Matthews by James F. Johnson acting as Commissioner under a decree of the County Court of Bedford in the case of Matthews vs Reads &c and for a more particular description of said Factory house and lot reference is hereby made to the deed aforesaid made by the said Johnson Commissioner to said Matthews. Witness the following signatures & seals

J. M. Matthews

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

I, C W Wharton, Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 17th day of November 1875. has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 9th day of July 1877.

C. W. Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 10th 1877.

This Deed from James M. Mathtews to John M. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On July 9, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/28 James M. Matthews and John M. Wright and Otweannah L. Wright executed a deed of trust to Henry C. Lowry to secure a debt due to E. C. Burks, Sr:

"This deed made this the 9th day of July, 1877, between James M. Matthews and John M. Wright and Ott L, his wife of the first part, E. C. Burks Sr. of the

second part, and Henry C. Lowry of the third part, all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia: Whereas the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright are justly indebted to the said E. C. Burks Sr in the sum of two thousand dollars, which indebtedness is evidenced by the bond of the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, bearing date the same as this deed, to wit, the 9th day of July, 1877, for the sum of two thousand dollars, and payable to the said E. C. Burks Sr. twelve months after date, with interest at six per cent per anum from date till payment. And the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright are desirous of securing to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the payment of the said sum of two thousand dollars. Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of ten dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the premises, and in order to secure to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the payment of said sum of money and the interest which may accrue thereon, the said James M. Matthews, and John M. Wright and Ott L. his wife, do grant and convey unto the said Henry C. Lowry all of a certain lot or parcel of land, situate on Bridge Street in the town of Liberty, Va, opposite to the Episopal Church, and adjacent to the lot on which the said James M. Matthews now resides -being the same on which is situate the tobacco factory now used and occupied by the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, partners doing business under the style and firm of Matthews & Wright, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto appurtaining, and all the machinery and fixtures of every Kind and description, now in said factory, and used by the said Matthews & Wright in the manufacture of tobacco. And the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright do covenant that they are lawfully seised in fee simple of said property, that they have the right to convey the same to the said Henry C. Lowry; that said property is free from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. And they do further covenant, that until said bond and the interest thereon shall be fully paid, they will keep the said factory building insured in some responsible Insurance Company, for at least the sum of $2000 and will transfer the policy for such Insurance to the said Henry C. Lowry as a further security for the payment of aid bond and interest. In trust nevertheless, that if the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall make default in whole or in part in the payment of said bond and interest at its maturity, or shall at any time fail to have said factory building Insured and keep the same insured as aforesaid, or to transfer such policy of Insurance as aforesaid, then or in either of said events, it shall be the duty of the said Henry C. Lowry, so soon thereafter as he shall be so required by the said E. C. Burks Sr his representatives or assigns, to sell said property for cash, after having first advertized the time, terms and place of such sale, in such manner and for such length of time, as he may deem sufficient to give general notice thereof, and out of the proceeds of such sale first, pay the costs of drawing and recording this deed, the Expenses of such sale, and all other necessary costs incurred in the Execution of the trusts hereinbefore declared, and second pay to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the full

amount due on said bond, principal and interest, and the residue, if any, pay over to the said Matthews & Wright. And if said factory building should be destroyed by fire, said bond and the interest accrued thereon shall forthwith become due and payable, and it shall be the duty of said Henry C. Lowry to collect the money due on said policy of Insurance, and apply the proceeds thereof in the same manner as is hereinbefore directed in case of sale, whether said bond shall according to its term, be then due or not. But if the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall well and truly pay the whole of said bond, principal and interest, at its maturity, then the said Henry C. Lowry, shall, upon production to him of satisfactory evidence of such payment and upon the request of the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, redeliver and reassign said policy of insurance, and reconvey said property to them, their heirs or assigns.

Witness the following signatures and seals

Jas M. Matthews
John M Wright
Otweannah Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I, C W Wharton Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that J. M. Matthews and Jno M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date of the 9th day of July 1877 have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. And I do further certify that Otweannah Wright, the wife of Jno M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 9th day of July 1877, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweannah Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly Executed the same and does not to retract it. Given under my hand this 9th day of July 1877.

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 10th 1877.

This Deed of Trust from James M. Matthews and John M. Wright and wife to Henry C. Lowry Trustee, for the benefit of E. C. Burks Sr., conveying real estate,

was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

Tombstone Inscriptions Of Bedford County, Virginia listed the tombstone of Elizabeth Matthews in Longwood Cemetery; Bedford County, Virginia, with the following inscription:

"Elizabeth
wife of
J. M. Matthews
May 13, 1829
May 16, 1876"

On February 10, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/90 James M. Matthews and John M. Wright purchased a parcel of land from Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. Kasey:

"This Deed made the tenth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighty two between Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. his Wife of Salem Roanoke County Va and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright of Liberty Bedford County Va. Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to them in hand paid the said Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. his Wife doth grant and release unto the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright all of their right, title and interest whatsoever in or to a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Roanoke North West of the Town of Salem and adjoining the Lands of Dr T. H. B. Dissian and others and Known as the ____ Lands

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Thomas A. Kasey
Virginia M. Kasey

State of Virginia Roanoke County to Wit:

I, John L. Barnett a Commissioner in chancery in the Circuit Court of this County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Thomas A. Kasey whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 10th day of February 1882 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. I do further certify that Virginia M. Kasey wife of Thomas A. Kasey whose name is signed to the

within writing bearing date on the 10th day of February 1882 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia M. Kasey acknowledged the writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 10th day of February Anno Domini 1882.

John L. Barnett Commr.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County this 10th day of February 1882. This Deed from Thomas A. Kasey & Wife to James M. Matthews & John M. Wright bearing date on this day was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On July 3, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/331 James M. Matthews and John M. Wright purchased 3 tracts of land from D. B. Strausse, as Commissioner:

"This Deed made this 3rd day of July 1882 between D. B. Strausse as Comr of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County of the case of Burke & Bradbury & al vs T. A. Kasey & al of the first part, and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: that whereas at a sale of the lands of the said T. A. Kasey (hereinafter described) which sale was made under proceedings in the said cause, the said parties of the second part became the purchasers, and they having paid the entire purchase money as appears by report of D. B. Strause Receiver filed with the papers in the said cause, the said Court by its further order in the said cause directed the said party of the first part as Commissioner to convey the said lands to the said parties of the second part. Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part doth hereby grant and convey to the said parties of the Second part with special warranty the said lands consisting in three several tracts as follows: First a tract of land on which the said T. A. Kasey now resides situated on the South side of Main Street in the town of Salem said to contain 9-5/8 acres there being reserved 1/2 acre of the said tract there being 10 acres in the tract. Second a tract of land situate N.W. from Salem and adjoining the lands of T. H. B. Dillard and the corporate limits of said town said to contain 149 acres more or less. Third a tract of Mountain Land situated some two miles N of Salem said to contain 21 acres all of which lands were conveyed to the said T. A. Kasey by Robert Sutfakin & wife to which deeds

reference is here made for a more minute discription of the said Lands - Witness the following signature & seal this day and year first above written.

D. B. Strause Comr.

Virginia
Ciounty of Roanoke, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me Wm. McCauley Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke County D. B. Strause whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 3d day of July 1882 and acknowledged the same in my office and County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 17th day of July 1882.

Teste
Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 27th day of July 1882. This Deed from D. B. Strause Comr &c to James M. Matthews and John M. Wright bearing date on the 3rd of July 1882 was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

On July 22, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/341 James M. Mathews and Jennie E. Mathews and John M. Wright and Otweanna Wright sold 146 acres of land to E. M. Armstrong and Margie M. Armstrong:

"This Deed made the 22nd day of July 1882 between James M. Mathews and Jennie E. his wife John M. Wright and Otweanna his wife of the first part and E. M. Armstrong and Margie M his wife all of the State of Virginia of the second part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of twenty two hundred and forty five ($2245.00) The said parties of the first part doth sell grant and convey unto the said party of the second part with general warranty a tract of land situated adjoining and north of the town of Salem containing one hundred and forty six (146) acres more or less and except 3-1/2 acres which is not included in this conveyance is the same tract of land which was conveyed to T. A. Kasey by Sutphine & wife and to us by a Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County in the case of Burke & Bradley and others against T. A. Kasey and others, and having sold five acres of the tract hereby conveyed to C. C. Snyder and he having conveyed the same to D. B. Strause, and the said Strause having sold the said five acres to the said party of the second part, the said Strause and

Lucey A his wife do hereby unite in this conveyance with general warranty as to the said five acres. But the said Strause & Wife reserve upon the said five acres a lien for the purchase money amounting to $635.00 evidenced by five bonds executed to the said Strause by E. M. Armstrong Jr. and M. M. Armstrong as follows, all dated 2nd Feby 1882 one for $30.00 due in one year, one for $30.00 due in two years one for $30.00 due in three years, one for $280.00: due in four years, and one for $265.00 due in five years And the said Mathews & Wright reserve a lien upon the residence of the lands hereby conveyed for $1610.00 with interest from first Feby 1882 due in one two and three years from that day.

Witness the following signatures and seals this day and year first above written.

James M. Matthews
Jennie E. Matthews
J. M. Wright
Otweanna Wright
D. B. Strause
Lucy A. Strause

Virginia
Roanoke Co. to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me Wm. McCauley Commissioner in chancery of the County Court of Roanoke County D. B. Strause and Lucy E. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 22nd day of July 1882 and the said D. B. Strause acknowledged the same in my County aforesaid. And the said Lucey A. Strause being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Lucy A. Strause acknowledged the same to be her act and she declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1882.

Wm. McCauley Comr in Chancery
of Roanoke Co. Ct.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me Robert S. Quarles Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County James M. Matthews & Jennie E. his wife, John M. Wright and Otweanna L. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 22nd July 1882 and the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright acknowledged the same in my County aforesaid. And the said

Jennie E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright being examined by me privately and apart from their husbands, and having said writing fully explained to them, they, the said Jennie E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright acknowledged the same to be their act, and they declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 26th day of July 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles Clk
Bedford Co. Court.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County this 5th day of August 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to E. M. Armstrong Jr & Margaret M. his wife bearing date on the 22nd day of July 1882 was produced and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

This record indicates that James M. Matthews had married a second time to Virginia "Jennie" E. ____ prior to July 22, 1882.

On August 7, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/440 James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews and John M. Wright and Otweana L. Wright sold a parcel of land to Lucy Campbell:

"This Deed made this the 7th day of August A.D. 1882 between James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews his wife and John M. Wright and Otweana L. Wright his wife of the first part and Lucy Campbell of the County of Roanoke of the second part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part, the said parties of the first part do grant with covenants of general warranty unto the said party of the second part, a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Salem, on the south side of Main or Roanoke Street, and is bounded as follows. Beginning on said street corner to the lot purchased of said parties of first part by Ellen M. Ballard, thence with the line of the said lot S 3-1/4 E 17-94/100 poles to projected extensions of Calhoun (Catherine?) Street, thence with the line of the said street S 77-1/4 W. Seventy feet to a stone, thence N 3-1/8 W 17-94/100 poles to the said Main or Roanoke Street, thence with the said street N 77-1/4 E. Seventy feet to the Beginning. The said parties of the first part covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee, that they have done no act to encumber the same, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumberance,

and that they the said parties of the first part will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures & seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
J. M. Wright
O. L. Wright

Virginia, Roanoke Co. to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for said County & State aforesaid do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 7th day of August 1882 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Virginia E. Matthews the wife of James M. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright the wife of John M. Wright whose names are also signed to the said foregoing writing bearing date the day and year last above written personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from their respective husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Virginia E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of August 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 23d day of September 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to Lucy Campbell bearing date on the 7th day of August 1882 was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On August 22, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/389 James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews and John M. Wright and Otweannah L. Wright sold a tract of land in Salem to Ellen M. Ballard:

"This Deed made this the 22nd day of August A.D. 1882 between James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews his wife and John M. Wright and Otweannah

L. Wright his wife of the first part and Ellen M. Ballard of the Second part. Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, with covenants of general warranty, unto the said Ellen M. Ballard a certain lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Salem in Roanoke County State of Virginia and is bounded as follows. Beginning on Main or Roanoke Street corner to the lot of the Heirs of John H. Griffin decd. thence with the said line and the line of the lot purchased of said Heirs by George W. Fleming S 3-1/8 E 17-94/100 poles to projected extension of Calhoun (Catharine?) St. thence with the said Street S 77-1/4 W Seventy feet thence N. 3-1/8 W. 17-94/100 poles to the said Main or Roanoke Street, thence with said Street N 77-3/4 E 70 feet to the Beginning. The said parties of the first part covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee, that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances and that they the said parties of the first part will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following Signatures and seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
John M. Wright
O. L. Wright

Virginia, Bedford County to Wit:

I Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 22nd day of August 1882 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Virginia E. Matthews, the wife of James M. Matthews, and Otweannah L. Wright, the wife of John M. Wright whose names are also signed to the said writing bearing date the day and year last above written personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their respective husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Virginia E. Matthews and Otweannah L. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of August 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 1st day of September 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & wife and John M. Wright and wife to Ellen M. Ballard bearing date on the 22nd day of August 1882 was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

On January 1, 1883, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Q/240 James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews and John M. Wright and O. L. Wright sold a lot of land in Salem to Virginia M. Kasey:

"This Deed made this the first day of January, in the year 1883, between James M. Matthews, and his wife, V. E. Matthews, and John M. Wright, and his wife O. L. Wright of the first part of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia and Virginia M. Kasey of Roanoke County, State of Virginia, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, - five hundred dollars of which has been paid this day to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part, and the residue to be paid in two equal payments of five hundred dollars each for which the party of the second part has executed her bonds, as of the 1st of Jany 1882, payable two and three years after that date, with interest thereon after the rate of six per centum per annum till paid.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises the said parties of the first part, do grant and hereby convey to the said party of the second part, with general warranty, a tract or lot of land, on which Thomas A Kasey now resides, situated in the Town of Salem, Virginia, on the south side of an intended street hereafter to be run which will be located through the Griffin property, thence runing west connecting with a street west of the premises hereby conveyed, the said property being a parcel of the tract of ten acres of land conveyed to Matthews & Wright by D. B. Strouss Commissioner, bearing date 3rd July 1883 and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County Virginia. The said lot hereby conveyed, said to contain five acres more or less: one-half acre of which is reserved for burial purposes

Witness the following seals and signatures this day above written

James M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia,
Bedford County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, R. S. Quarles, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 1st day of January 1883, and acknowledged the same before me. I also do certify that V. E. Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said V. E. Matthews, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 31st day of Jany 1883.

Ro S Quarles, N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County, the 2d day of January 1886. This Deed from Matthews & Wright to Virginia M. Kasey, bearing date on the 1st day of January 1884, was this day presented in said office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

On October 10, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/467 James M. Matthews and his wife Virginia E. Matthews and John M. Wright sold a lot in Liberty to the Mayor and Common Council of Liberty:

"This deed made this 10th day of October, in the year 1883, between James M. Matthews, & his wife Virginia E Matthews, & John M Wright of Liberty, Bedford County Virginia, parties of the first part, & the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty, Virginia, parties of the second part. Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to be paid in three several instalments of eight hundred & eighty three dollars, and thirty three & one third cents, each, with legal interest thereon till paid, from the date hereof. They the said James M. Matthews, Virginia E. Matthews, his wife & John M. Wright do grant unto the said Mayor and _____ all that lot in the same town of Liberty, Virginia, known as the "Medoc" situated on the corner (N.E.) of Main, and Court(?) Streets. The said parties of the first part, retains a lien on the above

property until all the purchase money & accrued Interest is paid thereon. Witness the following signatures & seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford to wit)

I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid, do certify that James M. Matthews & John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date on the 10th day of October, 1883, have acknowledged the same before me, in my County & State aforesaid. I do further certify, that Virginia E Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 10th day of October in the year 1883 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid & being examined by me privily & apart from her husband & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Virginia E. Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same, & does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 10th day of December 1883.

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 22nd 1883.

This Deed from James M. Matthews & wife & John M. Wright to the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office & together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 10, 1883, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. O/611 James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews and John M. Wright sold a parcel of land to Jessie C. Martin:

"This Deed made this the 10 day of November 1883 between James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright of the first part and Jessie C. Martin of the Second part

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of twenty eight dollars and eighty eight cents the receipt of which is herein acknowledged the said James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright do grant unto said Jessie C. Martin the following tract of land lying about one mile N.W. of Salem in the County of Roanoke Virginia to wit beginning at a pine on Dry Branch corner to a lot of John Deleo(?) and with his line Northward 70 yards to a Line on the line of E. M. Armstrong and with his line Westward 70 yards to a stone Corner to the lot of William Esural and with his line Southward to a sycamore near the road of the Branch and then down the branch as it meanders to the beginning estimated to be one acre, be the same more or less by these boundaries Witness our hands and Seals the day and date first herein written

James M Matthews
Virginia E Matthews
John M Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

I Robert S Quarles Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid do certify that James M Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 10th day of December 1883 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. I do further certify that Virginia E. Matthews, wife of the said James M Matthews whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date on the 10th day of Decr. in the year 1883, personally appeared before me in my County and State aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia E Matthews the wife of the said James M Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14th day of Decr. 1883

Ro. S Quarles Clerk

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 12th day of December 1883. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to Jesse C Martin bearing date on the 10th day of November 1883, was this day presented in said Office and together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On February 1, 1884, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Y/195 James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews and John M. Wright sold a 1/2 acre lot of land in Salem to Alice Ann Siler:

"This Deed, made this the 1st day of Feby 1884, between James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright of the first part, and Alice Ann Siler of the second part. Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife, and John M. Wright do grant unto the said Alice Ann Siler all all that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke County Va. on Dry Branch about one mile north of Salem, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine corner to the lot of Jesse C. Martin on the bank of Dry Branch, thence down the branch 35 yards to a stake on E. M. Armstrong Jr's line, and with his line northward 70 yards to a stake on said Armstrong's line, thence Westward with his line 35 yards to a stone corner to the lot of said Jessee C. Martin, Thence with his line southward 70 yards to the beginning. The said lot estimated to be one half acre be the same more or less. The portion of the of the first part covenant to warrant generally the title to said lot of land to the said Alice Ann Siler

Witness our hands and seals, the day and date first herein written.

Jas. M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright.

State of Virginia,
Bedford County, to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County in the State aforesaid, certify that Jas M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 1st day of Feby 1884 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid"

On February 6, 1884, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. P/128 James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews and John M. Wright joined Charles H. Carroll and Margaret B. Carroll in conveying 1-1/4 acres of land to E. M. Armstrong, Jr:

"This Deed made this the 6th day of February 1884 between James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife John M. Wright, Chas H. Carroll and Margaret B. his wife of the first part E. M Armstrong Jr of the second part. Witnesseth that whereas the said Chas H Carroll did heretofore purchase of the said Mathews & Wright the lot of land hereinafter conveyed and on the 21 March 1883 paid to them the

sum of $42.20 the full amount of the purchase money and the said Chas W. Carroll after having erected thereon a house has sold the said lot with the improvements thereon to the said Armstrong for the sum of $100 cash in hand. Now therefore in consideration of the said $42.00 paid by the said Carroll the said James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright, and the consideration of One hundred dollars paid by said Armstrong to said Carroll, the said Chas W. Carroll and Margaret B. his wife do grant unto E. M. Armstrong Jr all that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke County Virginia on Dry Branch about one mile north of the town of Salem bounded as follows. Beginning at a small sycamore near the ford of the Creek and corner to the lot of Jessee C. Martin thence Northward with said Martins line about 85 yards to a stone on the line of said E. M Armstrong Jr thence Westward with his line to the upper ford on Dry Branch thence down said road as it mianders to the beginning corner, the same estimated to contain one and one quarter acres be the same more or less and the same sold by said Mathews and Wright to said Chas W. Carroll and now by his request evidenced by his joining herein, conveyed to said Armstrong Witness the following signatures and Seals the day and year first herein written

Jas. M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright
Margaret B. Carroll
Charles W. Carroll.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County in the State aforesaid certify that Jas. M Matthews and J. M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of Feby 1884 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. I do further certify that V. E Matthews wife of J M Matthews, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of Feby 1884 personally appeared before me in the County and State aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said V. E Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 9th day of Feby 1884

Ro. S. Quarles Clk.

Virginia
Roanoke County to wit:

I James W. Palmer a Comr in Chancery for the Circuit Court of said County do certify that C. W. Carroll whose name is signed to the foregoing deed dated the 6 Feb 1884 has acknowledged the same before me in my said County and I further certify that Margaret B. Carroll the wife of said C. W. Carroll whose name is likewise signed to said deed, personally appeared before me in my said county and being examined privily and apart from her said husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Margaret B. Carroll acknowledge the same to be her act, and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 12 February 1884.

James W. Palmer Comr.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 13th day of February 1884. This Deed from James M. Matthews & als to E M Armstrong Jr bearing date on the 6th day of February 1884 was this day presented in said office and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On June 29, 1886, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Q/484 James M. Matthews and V. E. Matthews and John M. Wright sold two lots of land in Salem to Virginia M. Kasey:

"This Deed made this the 29 day of June in the year 1886 between James M. Matthews and V. E Matthews, his wife, and John M Wright of the first part and Virginia M. Kasey of the second part, Witnesseth; that for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, the said parties of the first part do grant and hereby convey to the said party of the second part, with general warranty, two lots or tracts of land, one of which is situated in the town of Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, on the South side of Main Street, supposed to contain four acres more or less and adjoins a lot conveyed by deed bearing date 23rd of August 1883 to Ellen M Ballard by the parties of the first part, and a lot conveyed by same to Lucy Campbell by deed bearing date 7th of August 1882, and a lot conveyed by same to V. M. Kasey by deed which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Deed Book Q page 240. This is intended

to embrace all the remainder of the lot in the Town of Salem, Roanoke Co. Va. conveyed by D. P. Strouse Comr &c to J. M Matthews and J. M. Wright. The other lot of 21 acres, more or less, lying and being in the County of Roanoke Va. two miles North of Salem Va. it being the same conveyed by D. P. Strouse, Comr &c. to James M. Matthews and Jno. M. Wright, by deed bearing date third day of July 1883 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, Virginia. Witness the following seals and signatures this the day above written

James M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright.

State of North Carolina)
Surry County)

I, S. D. Isbel a Notary Public, do hereby certify that J. M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews, his wife, personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance: and the said Virginia E. Matthews, being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same, freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto.

Witness my hand and Official seal, this 29 day of June A.D. 1886.

S. D. Isbel Notary Public

State of North Carolina) Superior
Surry County) Court.

I, R. S. Folger Clerk of said Count, do hereby certify that S. D. Isbel, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, a Notary Public in & for said County, duly qualified & commissioned, and as such under the laws of North Carolina, has the right to take the acknowledgment of deeds. Witness my hand and Official seal at Office in Dotson(?) the 29th June 1886.

R. S. Folger, Clerk
Superior Court
Surry Count N.C.

State of Virginia, Bedford County to wit:

I, M. P Burke a Notary Public for the County of Bedford State of Virginia, do certify that Jno. M. Wright, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on 29th day of June 1886, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 3rd day of July 1886.

M. P. Burke N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, the 2nd day of August 1886 this Deed was presented, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

This record indicates that James M. Matthews and Virginia E. (____) Matthews had moved to Surry County, North Carolina.

On February 14, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/434 Callaway Brown and P. L. Saunders filed a lis pendens against J. M. Matthews and J. M. Wright with regard to a suit for debt:

"In the Circuit Court of Bedford County,
Callaway Brown and P.L. Saunders, Plaintiffs
against
Bank of Bedford, O.P. Bell, T. J. Matthews,
John R. Thurman, W. H. McGhee, J.M. Wright
G. T. Cauthorn, J W Thomas J.M. Matthews and
M. P. Burks Tr. Defendants

There is a suit in Chancery pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the name of the above mentioned Complainants against the above named defendants, one of the objects of which is to attach the real estate of the defendant J. M. Matthews and to subject the same to the payment of the plaintiffs debt in the bill mentioned the real estate, sought to be subjected of the defendant J M Matthews is situated in Liberty Virginia and consist of a house and lot on bridge street oposite the episcopal church in which T. J. Matthews now resides, and a vacant factory lot oposite said episcopal church and also the interest of J M. Matthews in the Liberty rooler Mills and also an old stemery in the town of Liberty.

Given under my hand this the 14th day of Febry 1889

John M Speece
Clerk

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 14th, 1889, at Eleven O'Clock P.M.

This Lis Pendens in the name of Callaway Brown and P. L. Saunders against Bank of Bedford and others was produced in said Office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

This suit was dismised & the debt or claim satisfied.

Given under my hand & seal the 9th day April 1896.

Witness
C. C. Keith, D.C.

Calloway Brown for himself
& P L Saunders"

On February 15, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/437 J. M. Mathews and John M. Wright executed a deed of trust to secure Wm. H. McGhee as endorser of a note:

"This deed made this 15th day of Febuary 1889, between J. M. Wright and J. M. Mathews of the first port: and Callowy Brown of the second port: witnesseth: that wheras the Wm. H. McGhee is liable for, and is the endorser on a certain negotiable note, made by Mathews & Wright, for the sume of Fifteen hundred dollors, and whereas the said J. M. Wright and J. M. Mathews, who composed the firm of Mathews & Wright are desirous to secure the said W. H. McGhee, and save him harmless from any loss by reason of his endorsement of said note or any renewils of same,

Now therfore in consideration of the premises and of five dollars cash in hand paid, the said J. M. Wright and the said J. M. Mathews, who compose the firm of Mathews & Wright have granted, bargained & sold and do by these presents grant bargaim and sell unto the said Callaway Brown, all their right, title or interst in and to a certain mill, known as the Liberty Roller Mills, in Liberty Va, together with all their right title and interst in and to all the machinry, and fixturs therein of every kind and description, and also all their interst in & right to the lot of land of which said mill is situated, in trust nevertheless to indemnify and save hormless the said W. H. McGhee, by reason of his endorsement of the said note of Fifteen hudred dollers of said Mathews & Wright. And it shall be the duty of said trustee

whenever called on by the said W. H. McGhee, if said note is not paid by said Mathews & Wright, to sell the property hereby conveyed, upon the fallowing terms, cash enough to pay costs of sale and recording & drawing this deed, and the residue upon six & twelve months time, taking negatiable notes well endorsed, retaining title for further security, and out of proceeds, indemify and reimburse the said W. H. McGhee for any sume or sums of money he may have to pay for the said Mathews & Wright by reason of his endorsement as afersaid And the grantors in this deed warrant generally the property hereby conveyed Witness the following signatures & seals this 15th day of Feb. 1889

Erasures made before signing

John M Wright
J. M. Matthews

State of Va Bedford Country S.S.

This day personally appeared before me P. L. Saunders, Commissioner in Chancery of Bedford Circuit Court, in my County & State aforesaid, John M Wright whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date the 15th day of February 1889 and acknowldged the same to be his act and deed Given under my hand this 15th day of February 1889

P. L. Saunders
Commissinr Chancry
of Bedford Circuit Court

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 15th, 1889, at Seven O'Clock and forty minutes, P.M.

This Deed of Trust from J. M. Wright and J. M. Matthews to Calloway Brown, Trustee, for the benefit of William H. McGhee, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgement of the said J. M. Wright thereto annexed, admitted to record as to him.

Teste, Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, P. L. Saunders, Commissionr in Chancery of Bedford Circuit Court for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. M. Mathews, whose name is signed to the writing thereto annexed, bearing date on the 15th day of Febuary 1889, hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 12 day of March 1889.

P. L. Saunders Commissioner in
Chancery of Bedford Cicuit Court.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 12th, 1889.

This Deed of Trust from J. M. Wright and J. M. Matthews to Calloway Brown, Trustee, for the benefit of William H. McGhee, conveying real estate, was again produced in said Office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgement of the said J. M. Matthews thereto annexed, admitted to record as to him

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

On March 18, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/525 James M. Matthews and John M. Wright executed a deed of trust to P. L. Saunders to secure various debts due to the Bank of Bedford:

"This deed of trust made this 18th day of March 1889, by and between James M. Mathews and John M. Wright of the one part, and P. L. Saunders, trustee of the second part, Witnesseth: that whereas the said Mathews & Wright are justly indebtited to the Bank of Bedford on sundrey negotiable notes made by them and discounted by the said Bank, and whereas the said Mathews & Wright are desirous to pay as much of their indebitednes to the said Bank, as they can and they believe that their property herein after conveyed will bring a much larger price, if the purchaser is alowed to pay a part of the purchase price of the said property in the obligations of the said Bank, Now therefore in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Five dollars cash in hand paid by the said P. L. Saunders trustee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said J M Mathews, and the said John M. Wright, have bargained sold, and conveyed, and doth by these presents, bargain, sell and convey unto the said P. L. Saunders, all of the following property, lying and being in the town of Liberty to-wit: All the interest that the said Mathews & Wright have in and to the Flouring Mill in Liberty Va. and known as the Liberty Roller Mills, it being the interest in said Mill as is set out in the deed between Mathews & Wright and Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company and all of their intrest in the manufactring busness of their said Mill said deed recorded in the clerks office of the County Court of Bedford, to which reference is had, said interest being subject to the deed of trust on the same in favor of W. H. McGhee recorded in said Office; and also that certain vacant factory lot, formerly occupied by the said Mathews & Wright for the purpose of manufacturing tobacco, and on which the factory of the said Mathews & Wright was burned, some time ago, also all that certain lot or parcel of land on the north side of the Rail road, known as the Old Stemmery, to-gether

with all the buildings situated and being on the said lot, Yet upon this trust, that the said Saunders shall advertise the property hereby conveyed for the space of two months in and of the News-papers published in the town of Liberty Va and at the expiration of the said time, it shall be the duty of the said Saunders trustee to make sale of the property hereby conveyed upon the following terms to-wit cash in hand enough to pay for the costs of drawing and recording this deed and the tax thereon, and all the expenses of the said sale, and to the residue he shall receive from the purchaser in payment of the purchase money, certificates of deposit on the Bank of Bedford, at their face value, unless the purchaser shall elect to pay in cash for the said property, and after paying the said costs and the expenses of sale, he shall apply said certificates of deposit, or cash if the purchaser elects to pay in cash, so far as the same can be applied to-wards the payment of the debts aforesaid of the said Mathews & Wright to the said Bank of Bedford, and the said Mathews & Wright, do grant the property hereby conveyed with covenants of general warranty, and do covenant that they are lawfully seised of the same, that they have done no act to encumber the same, that they have a right to convey the same, that the said property is free from all encumbrances, that they will forever warrant and defend the title to the said property, against the claims of any and all persons what-so-ever. Witness the following signatures and seals this 18th day of March 1889.

James M. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia,)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. H. Quarles, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in said State, do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 18th day of March, A.D., 1889.

S. H. Quarles, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 18th, 1889.

This Deed of Trust from James M. Matthews and John M Wright to P. L Saunders, Trustee, for the benefit of the Bank of Bedford, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,

Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 31, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 73/424 M. P. Burks, as substituted trustee for P. L. Saunders, sold a lot of land in Liberty under a deed of trust from James M. Matthews and John M. Wright to James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard, and Mary L. Elliott:

> "Whereas, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright did by deed bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, convey unto one P. L. Saunders certain real estate described in said deed, amongst others a lot described as that certain vacant factory lot formerly occupied by the said Matthews & Wright for the purpose of manufacturing tobacco, and on which the factory of the said Matthews & Wright was burned some time ago"; And Whereas, by an order of the County Court of Bedford County made at its December Term, 1895, M. P. Burks was substituted as trustee in the room and stead of the said P. L. Saunders in the above mentioned deed; And Whereas, it was agreed between the grantors in said deed and C. A. Board, Trustee and Receiver of the assets of the Bank of Bedford, that the terms prescribed by the first mentioned deed of trust should be so modified as to allow said property to be advertised for such length of time and in such manner as to the said substituted trustee might seem judicious, and that the property should be sold for so much cash as might be necessary to pay the expenses of sale and the incidental costs of executing the trust, and as to the residue, that credit should be allowed for such length of time as to the said sustituted trustee should seem best, not exceeding one, two and three years for equal instalments thereof, and that the deferred payments should be secured by bonds of the purchaser with good personal security, bearing interest from the day of sale and by a lien in some form upon the property sold; And Whereas, in pursuance of the said deed of trust and the agreement aforesaid, the said M. P. Burks substituted trustee, offered for sale at public auction on the 25th day of January, 1896, the lot or parcel of land hereinafter described, and at such sale James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott became the purchasers at the price of Three Hundred & Ten Dollars ($310.00) and have paid One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of the purchase money in cash and executed their bonds with surety for the deferred payments: Now, Therefore, this deed made this 31st day of January, 1896, between M. P. Burks, Trustee, as aforesaid, of the first part, and the said James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, of the second part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises the said M. P. Burks, Trustee, doth grant and convey unto the said James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard, and Mary L. Elliott, with special warranty, all of a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Bedford City, Virginia, on the north side of Bridge Street, at the corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets, and adjoining the poperty of Mrs. Ann R. Sale, and with metes and bounds, courses and distances following, to

wit: Beginning at an iron stob in the ground near the southwestern corner of Dr. John W. Sale's medical office on the eastern edge of Bridge Street, and thence along Ann R. Sales line and palings S. 69 E. 8 poles to an iron stob in the corner of the paled fence, thence still with Ann R. Sale's line and palings S. 11-1/2 W. 3 poles and 9 links to an iron stob in the northern edge of Jackson Street, thence with the northern edge of said street N. 88 W. 9 poles and 8 links to an iron stob in or at the junction of Jackson and Bridge Streets, thence along the eastern edge of Bridge Street N. 22-1/4 E. 6 poles and 9 links to the first station. Witness the following signature and seal

M. P. Burks
substituted trustee

At Bedford County Court, February 4th, 1896.

This Deed from M. P. Burks, Trustee, to James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said M. P. Burks, Trustee, and ordered to be recorded

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.50 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On May 9, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 77/385 M. P. Burks filed his report of sales under the deed of trust executed by John M. Wright and James M. Matthews:

"Report of Sale and Account of M. P. Burks, substituted trustee under a Deed of trust from Matthews & Wright to P. L. Saunders, Trustee, dated March 18, 1889.

By an order of the County Court of Bedford County made January 2, 1896, I was substituted as trustee in the foregoing deed of trust. The terms of sale were such that it was not believed that the property could be sold to advance, so the grantors and C. A. Board Trustee & Receiver of the assets of the Bank of Bedford entered into a written agreement dated December 5, 1895, by which the time and manner of advertizing the property was left to the discretion of the trustee, and the terms were changed to cash enough to pay costs and expenses, and the residue on credits not to exceed one two & three years for equal instalments thereof, which bonds were to have personal security and also be secured by a lien on the property sold. This Agreement is herewith returned as a part hereof. At the request of C. A. Board, Trustee and Receiver as aforesaid, I advertized, by hand-bills well posted and circulated, the old factory lot at the corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets Bedford City, Va. and on January 26, 1896, sold the same at public auction to James W. Ballard, Jno. D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, at the price of $310. The trms were $100. cash, and the balance

in 8, 16 & 24 months, interest from date, secured by bonds with personal security and a deed of trust on property sold. The purchase money is accounted for in the statement below. At the like request of C. A. Board, trustee and Receiver, I advertized the old Stemmery property in like manner, and on August 29, 1898, sold the same at public auction to Lucy J. McGhee at the price of $392. The terms were one fourth cash, and the balance in 6, 12 & 18 months for equal instalments thereof, to be secured by bonds with good personal security, bearing interest from date, and by a lien on the property sold She paid the cash-payment and gave bond with J. W. McGhee as surety. The cash-payment and first bond are accounted for in the statement below. The building and lot were first offered separately and then as a whole. The price offered for the property as a whole was the best and was accepted. The property had been twice sold for taxes and purchased by the State, and was delinquent for taxes for a number of other years. The amount due on these accounts could not be accurately ascertained and no one was willing to bid for the property subject to these charges, so it was finally determined and announced at the sale that the purchase-money would be applied as far as need be to redeem the land, and to pay all taxes that had accrued, State, County and corporation. Below will be found a statement of all collections and disbursements.

1896				
Jany 31	To cash payment of J. D. Ballard & Co.		$100.	
	By Coms @ 5%			15.50
	" paid John P. Goggin, Auctioneer			5.00
Feby 1	" " Thos N. Lee, surveying Factory lot			1.75
	" " S. H. Quarles taking acknowledg-ments to original deed trust			2.00
	By paid fee for deed to purchaser & deed of trust back			10.00
Feb 4	" " R. D. Buford Clk, fee & tax on deed of trust			1.50
March 7	" " Marsh Printing Co. for handbills			2.00
April 26	To amt of three bonds of J. D. Ballard &c Int - prin	$210.00		
	Interest Jany 26/96 to Apl 26/96	3.15	213.15	
	By paid C. A. Board, Trustee & Receiver of Bank of Bedford			213.15
1898				
Augt. 30	To cash payment of Lucy J. McGhee		98.	
	By Coms on $392.00 @ 5 & 2%			16.84
	" fee for drawing deed to purchaser			5.
Sept 17	" paid Bedford Democrat for handbills			2.
Nov. 29	" " S. H. Price taxes on Stemmery for 1897 & costs			16.45

1899				
March 29	To cash of Lucy J. McGhee			
	Amt of her 1st bond	$98.		
	Int Aug 30/98 to Mch 29/99	3.43	101.43	
May 5	By paid R. D. Buford to redeem from			
	two delinquent sales & for delinquent taxes		161.07	
6	" paid D. W. Garrett Sergt.			
	Redemptions & all taxes			
	to & including 1898			105.40
	" S. H. Price, Treas'r.,			
	State & Co taxes 1898			16.45
	" L. L. Brown, Auctioneer,			
	selling Stemmery			5.
	" Nelson Sale, Com'r. settling this account			1.50
	" R. D. Buford, Clerk, recording this &c		2.	
	To cash of C. A. Board, Rec'r			
	Bank of Bedford, to pay taxes &c		70.03	
			$582.61	$582.61

I do certify that the foregoing account of M. P. Burks, Trustee, was this day laid before me and that all the items were supported by proper and satisfactory vouchers. Given under my hand this 9th day of May 1899.

N. Sale
Commr. of Accounts

Whereas, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, by deed bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court in Deed Book No. 62, page 525, conveyed unto one, P. L. Saunders, Trustee, certain property mentioned and described in said deed; and whereas it is provided in said deed of trust that the property shall be sold for cash enough in hand to pay the cost of drawing and recording the deed and the expenses of sale, and as to the residue, said trustee shall receive from the purchaser in payment of the purchase money certificates of deposit of the Bank of Bedford, at their face value, unless the purchaser shall elect to pay in cash for said property, and directing how the money or certificates of deposit received on said sale shall be disposed of; and whereas the said deed provides that the property shall be advertised for the space of two months in one of the newspapers published in the town of Liberty, Virginia; and whereas it is deemed advisable to sell said property on other and different terms, so as not to encumber the sale with any question of certificates of Deposit of the Bank of Bedford: Now, Therefore, this Agreement made and entered into this 15th day of December, 1895 between the said John M. Wright and James M. Matthews of the first part, and C. A. Board, Trustee, and Receiver, of the assets of the Bank

of Bedford, and representing the creditors of said Bank, of the other part, Witnesseth: That it hath been agreed between the parties hereto, that the said property shall be sold for so much cash as is necessary to pay the expenses of sale and the incidental cost of executing the trust declared by said deed, and as to the residue, credits shall be allowed for such length of time as to the trustee who shall be substituted in the place of P. L. Saunders, Trustee, shall seem best, not exceeding one, two and three years for equal instalments thereof, and that the deferred payments shall be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security, bearing interest from day of sale, and by a lien in some form on the property sold, and the said substituted trustee is authorized to make sale of said property after advertising the time, place and terms thereof in such manner and for such length of time as he shall deem judicious. Given under our hands this 15th day of December, 1895.

J. M. Matthews
J. M. Wright
C. A. Board, Recv
Bank Bedford

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 9th, 1899.

This Inventory and Account of sale of the property of Matthews & Wright made by M. P. Burks, Trustee, under a deed of trust made by them, with the Agreement therein referred to and the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of said court annexed, was this day delivered to the Clerk of said Court, and admitted to record.

(Fee $2.00 Pd.)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

Our Kin stated that Elizabeth Rhoda Wright was born on May 13, 1829, married James M. Matthews on June 1, 1848, and died on May 16, 1876, that James M. Matthews was born on May 13, 1824, and died on April 7, 1911, and that Elizabeth Rhoda (Wright) Matthews and James M. Matthews had the following children:

1) Ann Henry (Mathews) Nelms, born on July 5, 1849;
2) Lizzie Ella Matthews, born and died on August 21, 1851;
3) Caroline Blanche Matthews, born on September 16, 1853, and died on January 14, 1871;
4) Thomas Joel Matthews, born on January 31, 1856;
5) Charles M. Matthews, born on December 23, 1858;

6) John Dunsmore Matthews, born on July 27, 1865, and died on July 24, 1866;

7) James Clifton Matthews, born on July 27, 1865; and

8) Jennie Lee Matthews, born on May 29, 1869.

ii. Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley, Her Husband Samuel Wilson Hensley, And Her Descendants

Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley was a daughter of 1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County and Amanda (Jordan) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1875 Joel[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary Ann Right in the Joel Right household and her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1832.

The marriage consent for Mary A. Wright and Samuel W. Hensley was dated on December 8, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the license issued on December 15, 1852:

"Chamblissburg Decmber 8th 1852
Mr. A A Arthur

Dear sir. You will please Let Mr. S. W. Hensley have Licens to Marry my Daughter Mary A. Wright and oblige yours Respt

teste Joel Wright
Jas A Wright

A List of marriage Licenses issued from the Clerks office of Bedford County Court in the year 1852
. . . .

Decr 15" 1852 Samuel W Hensley Mary A Wright
. . . ."

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed A. (M.?) A. Hensley in the Joel Wright household and her age as 28 and born in Virginia. This record indicates that Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley was born about 1832.

The will of 1875 Joel Wright dated January 17, 1874, and probated on April 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/267 listed Mary A. Hensley as one of his children:

> ". . . . To my daughter Mary A. Hensley, I give one fourth part of said half of my estate and if at her death any part thereof remains, to the legal heirs of her body to be equally divided between them . . . ."

On September 4, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/249 Samuel W. Hensley and Mary A. Hensley transferred their interest in the estate of Joel Wright to James A. Hensley to be held in trust for the benefit of Mary A. Hensley:

> "This deed made this the 4th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, between Samuel W Hensley and Mary A. his wife of the first part and James A Hensley of the second part, all of the County of Knox in the State of Tennessee. Whereas Joel Wright, late of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia, by his last will and testament, dated January the 17th, 1874, admitted to probate in the County Court of the said County of Bedford and recorded in the Will Book "X" on page 267, which said book is amongst the records of said Court, did devise and bequeath to his wife Amanda Wright one half of his entire estate, both real and personal, and one fourth part of the other half of said estate to his daughter the said Mary A Hensley and, "if at her death any part thereof remains, to the legal heirs of her body to be equally divided between them", which devise and legacy to the said Mary A Hensley remains under the control of the executor of said will and has not yet been assented to and surrendered and delivered by said Executor to the said Mary A Hensley nor to her said husband, and whereas, in the circumstances of the said Samuel N Hensley and the said Mary A, the said Mary A. has an equity to a settlement to her separate use of the property and estate so devised and bequeathed to her as aforesaid, and it hath been agreed by and between the said Samuel W and Mary A and the said James A Hensley that such settlement should be made with the uses, trusts, and limitations hereinafter provided: Now this deed witnesseth, that the said Samuel W Hensley and Mary A his wife in execution of the agreement aforesaid and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of five dollars to them in hand paid by the said James A. Hensley, do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said James A Hensley all of the property, estate, right, title and interest devised and bequeathed as aforesaid to the said Mary A Hensley: To have and to hold the same unto him the said James A Hensley, his heirs, personal representatives and assigns forever: In trust nevertheless for the sole, separate and exclusive use and benefit of the said Mary A Hensley, free from and not subject to the debts, contracts and liabilities, present and future, of the said Samuel W. Hensley, and altogether free from all the marital rights of the said Samuel W.

and to be used, enjoyed, controlled and disposed of by the said Mary A. in like manner to all intents and purposes as if she were an unmarried woman: And upon this further trust and confidence, that upon the death of the said Samuel W. the said Mary A surviving him, the said James A Hensley shall convey, assign, transfer and deliver to the said Mary A. in absolute right all said property, estate, right, title, and interest, or whatever remains thereof; and if the said Mary A. shall first die, the said Samuel W surviving her, that the said James A. shall convey, assign, transfer and deliver the said property, estate, right, title and interest, or such as remains to such person or persons and in such proportions and with such limitations as the said Mary A. by last will and testament or by writing in the nature of a last will and testament, may direct, limit and appoint; or, if she shall fail to make any appointment, then to such person or persons as would have been entitled to such property and estate, if the said Mary A. had survived her husband (the said Samuel) and after his death had acquired the absolute right and title to said property and estate and then died intestate and domiciled in the State of Virginia. Given under our hands and seals the day and year first above-written.

Samuel W Hensley
James A. Hensley
Mary A. Hensley

State of Tennessee)
County of Knox, to wit)

I, J. C. S. McDaniel, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Tennessee, do certify that Samuel W. Hensley and James A Hensley, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 4th day of September, 1875, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid and I do further certify that Mary A. Hensley, the wife of Samuel W. Hensley, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 4th day of September, 1875, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Mary A. Hensley acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this the 4th day of September, A.D. 1875

J. C. S. McDaniel N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 7th 1875.

This Deed from Samuel W. Hensley to James A. Hensley Trustee for the benefit of Mary A. Hensley, conveying real estate, and personal property, was produced

in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

Our Kin stated that Mary Ann Wright was born on April 7, 1832, married Samuel W. Hensley on December 16, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on October 9, 1913, that Samuel W. Hensley died on July 4, 1904, at Galesburg Kansas, and that they had the following:

1) James A. Hensley, born on August 1, 1854;
2) Virginia Amanda (Hensley) Tinsley, born on January 15, 1857;
3) George Dana Hensley, born on July 7, 1859;
4) William Hensley, born on October 23, 1866;
5) Lucy (Hensley) Austin, born on February 15, 1869;
6) Ida L. (Hensley) Sappenfield, born on January 31, 1872, at Knoxville, Tennessee, and
7) Albert Wade Hensley, born September 25, 1899 (1879?).

In her email dated October 7, 2000, Sue Ann Hornung White Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Ann Wright was a daughter of Joel Wright and Amanda (____) Wright, was born on April 7, 1832, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Samuel Wilson Hensley on December 16, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died in 1913 at Galesburg, Neosho County, Kansas, that Samuel Wilson Hensley was born in 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on July 4, 1904, at Neosho County, Kansas, and that Mary Ann (Wright) Hensley and Samuel Wilson Hensley had the following children:

1) James A. Hensley, born on August 1, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia,
2) Virginia Amanda Hensley, born on January 15, 1857,
3) George D. Hensley, born on July 7, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia,
4) William Hensley, born on October 23, 1866,
5) Lucy (Hensley) Austin, born on February 15, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Ida L. (Hensley) Sappenfield, born on January 31, 1873, at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and

7) Albert Wade Hensley, born on September 25.

iii. James A. Wright, His Wife Cornelia B. (Adams) Wright, And His Descendants

James A. Wright was a son of 1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County and Amanda (Jordan) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1875 Joel[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James A. Right in the Joel Right household and his age as 16 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of bith in about 1834.

On April 2, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/516 James A. Wright and Peter M. Wright purchased four tracts of land of 171, 40, 77, and 31 acres, for a total of 319 acres of land, from William and Ruth Gwaltney:

> "This Deed made the 2nd day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight Between William Gwaltney and Ruth Gwaltney his wife of the one part and Peter M Wright and James A. Wright of the other part. Witnesseth that in consideration of three thousand five hundred dollars the said William Gwaltney and Ruth Gwaltney his wife doth grant with general warranty unto the said Peter M Wright & J A Wright all of four several tracts of land the two first herein after named lying and being in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia on the waters of Falling and wolf creek containg together 211 acres the one 171 acres and the other 40 acres and No. one the largest is bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at two white oaks corner to Washington Howell thence with his line N 10 E 164 poles to his corner black oak the same course continued 147 poles further to a chesnut oak on a branch thence N 55 E 30 poles to a dogwood N 5 E 38 poles to a spanish oak thence N 85 W 70 poles to two chesnut oaks by a road thence S 38 W 106 poles to a double chesnut oak stump thence S 30 W 28 poles to a spanish oak stump by a field thence S 62 W 28 poles to a chesnut corner to widow Howell on Gishes line thence with the line of widow Howell S 23 E 94 poles crossing a branch to 2 black oaks thence S 80 E 11 poles to a double chesnut oak thence S 20-1/2 E 162 poles to a Stake thence N 73 E 54 poles to a Stake thence N 18 W 10-1/2 poles to a white oak thence N 50 W 13 poles to a white oak thence N 35 W 37 poles to a swamp oak thence N 55 W 22 poles to a gum thence N 21-1/2 W 21-1/2 poles to a double white oak thence N 11 E 52 poles to the beginning tract No 2 bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a Stake on a line of the widow Howell and corner to No 4 in the division of the

lands of David Howell decd and with the line No 4 N 20-1/2 W 164 poles to a double chesnut oak thence N 80 W 12 poles to a black oak thence S 55 W 31 poles to four feet south west of a hickory corner thence S 20 E 159 poles to a Stake thence N 73 E 40 poles to the beginning the remaining two tracts are situated lying and being in Bedford County on the waters of falling creek containing together 108 acres the largest 77 acres & the other 31 acres the latter is bounded as follows. Beginning at a falling down double chesnut corner to Washington Howell thence N 68-1/2 W 34 poles to a white oak corner to McGeorge thence S 89 W 45-1/2 poles to a hickory thence S 11 E 102 poles to three hickorys dogwood and 2 sourwoods thence N 80 E 56 poles to a gum corner to Howell thence with his line N 33 W 34 poles to a poplar on a branch thence N 24 E 56 poles to the begining the other tract is bounded as follows to wit. Begining at a chesnut oak and spanish oak with the top off corner to James thence with his line S 25 E 21 poles to a black oak thence S 11 W 109 poles crossing a branch to a chesnut oak thence S 11 E 53 poles to a black oak & dogwood thence N 19 E 23 poles to a black oak thence S 71 E 85 poles to a white oak thence N 40 E 103 poles +ing 2 branches to two pines & chesnut corner to McGeorge thence due north 5 poles to a black oak thence due west 76 poles to a locust thence No 40 W 48 poles to a pine and chesnut thence N 36 W 77 poles to the begining the said grantors releases to the said grantees all their claims upon the said land and the crop of wheat growing there upon the said William Gwaltney and Ruth Gwaltney his wife covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed and that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantees and that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all incumbrances.

Witness the following signatures and seals

William Gwaltney
Ruth Gwaltney

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

I Washington Howell a Justice of the peace for said County in the State aforesaid do certify that William Gwaltney whose name is signed to the writing annexed bearing date the 2nd day of April 1858 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1858

Washington Howell JP.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We Washington Howell and James M Matthews Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do Certify that Ruth Gwaltney wife of William Gwaltney whose name is signed to the writing annext bearing date on the 2nd day of April 1858 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Ruth Gwaltney acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands this 2" day of April 1858

Washington Howell JP
James M Matthews JP.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office April 14th 1858

This Deed from William Gwaltney and wife to Peter M Wright and James A Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificates thereto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James A. Wright in the Joel Wright household, his age as 28, occupation manufacturer of tobacco, and his personal property as $10,000.

The birth record of Nathan, a slave of James A. Wright, was dated in September 1860 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Nathan
Date of Birth:	September 1860
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Jas A Wright
Father's Occupation:	Tobacconist
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

On September 12, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/314 James A. Wright sold his interest in 319 acres of land to Peter M. Wright:

> "This Deed made the 12th day of September one thousand eight hundred and Sixty between James A. Wright of the one part and Peter M. Wright of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand dollars ____ cents the said James A. Wright doth grant unto the Said Peter M. Wright with general warranty all his right title and interest in & to three hundred & ninteen acres of land it being one moiety of the whole of the 319 acres situate lying and being in the Counties of Bedford & Roanoke and the same lands that were deeded to the said Peter M. Wright and James A. Wright by William Gwaltney and his wife in the year 1858 by reference to said conveyance the courses and distances around each of the three different tracts will fully appear. Witness the following signature & seal.
>
> James A. Wright
>
> In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 24th 1860
>
> This deed from James A. Wright to Peter M. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said office, acknowledged by the said James A. Wright, and admitted to record.
>
> Teste
> A. A. Arthur C.B.C"

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that James A. Wright was born on March 11, 1834, was a resident of Corinth, Mississippi, in 1860, enlisted in Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, on May 11, 1861, at Liberty, Virginia, and was present through December 1861.

Remnants Of War 1861-1865 by Ann Chilton listed James A. Wright as a 5th Lieutenant on the roster of Company G of the 34th Virginia Infantry Regiment in the Civil war.

On March 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/421 James A. Wright, James M. Matthews, and John M. Wright purchased two tracts of 193-1/2 acres and 210 acres of land from Charles J. and Mary M. Jones and William A. and Margaret A. Miller:

> "This Deed made this 28th day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, between Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and

Margaret A his wife of the one part, and James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part. Witnesseth. that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright the following tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, to wit, One hundred and ninety three and a half acres situate on the west side of Triggs road and on the waters of Echol's creek, including a part of Chestnut Mountain, and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Triggs road, thence along Early's line N 71°1/2 W at 68 poles crossing a branch, at 112 poles crossing a branch, in all 302 poles to a black oak on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along the road as it meanders N 7°1/2 E 58 poles N 16° W 16-1/2 poles to a black oak on the west side of said road thence new dividing lines S 71°1/2 E 101 poles to a stake in a Tobacco House near a hollow, N 84° E 180 poles crossing a branch in all 228 poles to a stake on Trigg's road, thence along the road as it meanders S 0°1/2 E at 11 poles crossing a branch in all 15 poles S 33°1/4 W 34 poles S 17°1/2 W 80 poles, S 1°1/2 W 14 poles S 6° E 28-1/2 poles to the beginning. Also Two hundred and ten acres adjoining the above, and bounded as follows, beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along Smith and Hobson's lines N 71°1/2 W at 30 poles crossing a dry branch at 100 poles crossing branch at 107 poles passing Smith's corner White oak, in all 139 poles to a large spanish oak, thence along Hobsons lines N 27° E 96 poles to a white oak on the North side of Dickinson road, thence along the road as it meanders N 84° E 40 poles N 85° E 12 poles to a small poplar on the North side of said road, thence off along Harris and Otey's line S 62° E at 28 poles passing Harris pointers at 36 poles crossing Hailsford road in all 86 poles and 6 links to a large forked chestnut, thence with Otey's line S 72°1/2 E 77 poles to a chestnut N 38°1/4 E 97 poles 10 links to pointers, thence with Wingfield's line N 89°1/2 E 83 poles 10 links to a post oak thence with Mansfield's lines S 81° E 87-1/2 poles to a stake on Trigg's road near a branch, thence along the road as it meanders S 22°1/2 W 24 poles S 28° W 116 poles S 4°1/2 E 33 poles to a stake and rock pile on said road, thence off new dividing lines S 84° W at 48 poles crossing a branch, in all 228 poles to a stake in a Tobacco house in a hollow N 71°1/2 W 101 poles to a black oak on the West side of Hailsford road thence along the road S 16° E 16-1/2 poles S 7°1/2 W 58 poles to the beginning, it being the same tracts of land conveyed to the said Charles J Jones and William H Miller by William D Miller and Sarah E his wife by deed bearing date on the 28th day of January 1863 and of record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed Book ____ to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said tracts of land. And the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller covenants that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the said tracts of land, that they and their said wife's Mary M and Margaret A have the

right to convey the same to the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright, that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller have done no act to incumber the said land that the said James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrances, and that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Charles J Jones
Wm A Miller
M M Jones
M A Miller

City of Lynchburg to wit

We J M Booker and T C Ferguson justices of the peace for the City of Lynchburg State of Virginia do certify that Charles J Jones & William A Miller whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of March 1863 have acknowledged the same before us in the city aforesaid. And we do further certify that Mary M wife of Charles J Jones and Margaret A wife of Wm A Miller whose names are likewise signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in the City aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their said husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them acknowledged the same to be their act & deed and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 26th day of January Eighteen hundred & Sixty four

J M Booker JP
T C S Ferguson J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office the 28th day of January 1864

This deed from Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife to James M Matthews James A. Wright and John M Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 29th $7.00 United States Internal Revenue stamps, placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On March 31, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/221 James A. Wright, James M. Matthews, and John M. Wright purchased 296 acres of land from Jesse T. and Mildred Hopkins:

"This deed made this 31st day of March 1863 Between Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife of the one part and James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty three thousand six hundred and eighty Dollars, cash in hand paid by the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A Wright & Jno M Wright to the said Jesse T Hopkins and wife the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, they the said Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews, Jas A & Jno M Wright all that certain tract or parcel of Land lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the head South branches of the North Fork of Little Otter, adjoining the town of Liberty containing Two hundred and ninety six acres, it being the same land conveyed to the said Jesse T Hopkins and Jesse H Turner jointly by Jacob Fizer by deed bearing date on the 25th day of February 1845 and of record in the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court in deed book "EE" Pages 327-328 & 329 to which deed ference is hereby made for a more particular description of the Land hereby conveyed and the said Jesse T Hopkins covenants that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of said tract of land that he and his said wife have the right to convey the same to the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright that he the said Jesse T Hopkins has done no act to encumber the said land that they the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumberances and that he the said Jesse T Hopkins will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Jesse T Hopkins
Mildred Hopkins

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office March 31st 1863

This deed from Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred Hopkins his wife to James M Matthews James A & John M Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and acknowledged by the said Jesse T Hopkins, And Mildred Hopkins wife of the said Jesse T Hopkins whose names are signed to the said deed, bearing date on the 31st day of March 1863, personally appeared before me, in said Office, and being examined by me, privily and apart from her said husband,

and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Mildred Hopkins acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon said deed was admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 26th $7.00. U.S. Internal Revenue stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On January 16, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/54 James A. Wright and Cornelia B. Wright sold their interest in two tracts of land to James M. Matthews:

"This Deed made this 16" day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty six between James A. Wright and Cornelia B. his wife of the one part & James M. Matthews of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Six thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said James A. Wright & Cornellia B. his wife to grant onto the said James M. Matthews all of our right, title and interest in the following tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, to wit: four hundred and three and one half acres, it being the same tracts of land conveyed to the said James A. Wright and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright by Charles Jones and Mary M. his wife and William A. Miller and Margaret A. his wife by deed bearing date on the 28" day of March 1863, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed book P.P. page 421 to which reference is hereby made for a more for a more particular description of said tracts of lands. Also all of our right title and interest in Two hundred and ninety six acres it being the same tract of land conveyed to the said James A. Wright & James M. Matthews and John M Wright by Jesse T. Hopkins and his wife ____ by deed bearing date on the __ day of ____ 1863 and of record in the Clerks Office of the County Court of the said County, in Deed book __ page __ to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said tract of land. And the said James A. Wright covenants that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of the said land, that he and his wife Cornelia B. have the right to convey the same to the said James M Matthews that he the said James A. Wright has done no act to encumber the said land, that the said James M. Matthews shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrances and that he the said James A. Wright will

warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures & seals.

James A. Wright
Cornelia B. Wright

County of Bedford to wit:

I John R. Steptoe a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bedford State of Virginia, do certify that James A. Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 16th day of January 1866 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid and I do further certify that Cornelia B. wife of James A. Wright whose name is signed likewise to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before me in the County of Bedford and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal this 16" day of January Eighteen hundred and sixty six.

Jno. R. Steptoe J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office the 16th day of May 1868. This Deed from James A. Wright and Cornelia B. his wife to James M. Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said Office with United States Internal Revenue Stamps affixed thereto of the amount of six dollars cancelled according to law, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

This record indicates that James A. Wright had married Cornelia B. ____ prior to January 16, 1866.

On November 20, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/482 James A. Wright, as executor of the will of John Johnson, sold 62 acres of land to John H. Robinson:

"This deed made and entered into this 20" day of November 1868 between James A Wright Executor of John Johnson decd and John H Robinson of the second part Witnesseth that whereas the said John Johnson decd by his will dated this 6" day of March 1860 & of record in the Court of Hustings for the city of Lynchburg did appoint the said James A. Wright his Executor & did likewise in said will authorize and empower his said Executor to sell all his real and personal

Estate of which he may die seized and possessed &c and whereas the said James A Wright as Executor aforesaid did on the 18" day of October 1860 sell a certain tract or parcel of land at public auction to the highest bidder, lying in the county of Bedford on James River, adjoining the lands of Mrs Wright, David Oglesby & others Called Wide Mouth ____ the said Johnson died seized & possessed composed of two parcels, one containing sixty two acres purchased of Mrs Mary Wright, the other parcel containing fifty acres purchased by him of Mrs Lucy Burford & by them conveyed to the said Johnson by their several deeds of record in the county court of Bedford County to the said John H Robinson at the price of Sixteen hundred dollars payable in two equal installments the one on the 1st day of March 1861, the other on the 1st day of September 1861 and whereas the said John H Robinson has fully paid off & discharged his said two bonds to the said James A Wright Executor as aforesaid. Now therefore in consideration of the premises & the payment of the purchase money (Sixteen hundred dollars) with all interest costs &c accrued thereon the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said James A Wright as Executor of the said John Johnson & by virtue of the power & authority vested in him by the will of the said Johnson he hath this day granted, bargained & sold and doth by these presents with generally grant bargain and sell unto the said John H Robinson the above specified & described tract of land containing one hundred and twelve acres. Witness the following signiture and seal the day and date above written

Interlined before signing

James A Wright
Exor of John Johnson Jr decd

County of Buckingham State of Va to wit

I Ro B Shaw Jr a Justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid & State of Va do hereby certify that James A Wright Extr of John Johnson decd whose name is signed to the foregoing deed, bearing date the 20" day of November 1868 & hereto annexed, this day personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act. Given under my hand & seal the 13th day of January 1869

Ro B Shaw J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks office February 13th 1869

This deed conveying real estate from James A Wright Exor of John Johnson decd to John H Robinson was produced in said office Stamped with Two dollars

US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the annexed certificate of acknowledgment, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On November 28, 1870, Joel Wright filed suit against James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt regarding a debt due on a bill of exchange and referenced James A. Wright's tobacco business:

"To the Honorable Gustavus A. Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your orator Joel Wright that in the year 1861, on the 13th day of April of that year James M. Matthews James A. Wright and John M. Wright, who are partners and tobacconists, doing business under the firm & style of Matthews & Wright being indebted of your orator drew a bill of exchange directed to James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt partners and commission merchants doing business under the firm & style of Goggin and Holt, at Memphis, State of Tennessee directing the said Goggin and Holt to pay six months after the date thereof (the 13th day of April 1861) to the order of your orator, Joel Wright, Thirteen hundred & ninety dollars & fifty two cents Value received and charge the same to account of the said Matthews and Wright . . . ."

The will of 1875 Joel Wright dated January 17, 1874, and probated on April 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/267 listed James A. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . To my son James A. Wright I give one fourth part of said half of my estate . . . ."

On August 9, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/444 James A. Wright and Francis R. Cope, as trustees of the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association, sold a lot in Liberty to William Brown and others:

"This deed made the 9th day of August, A.D. 1874 between James A. Wright and Francis R Cope, survivors of themselves and Stephen Colwell, Trustees of the "Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association" of the first part, and William Brown, Preston Padgett, George Collaway, Oliver Thompson and Gustavus Preston, of the second part, witnesseth that in consideration of five dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part, do grant unto the parties of the second part all that certain lot or parcel of land and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, lying and being in the County of

Bedford in the State of Virginia on the eastern side of the Lynchburg and Salem Turnpike road near the lower of Liberty being the same lot and premises conveyed by Alvin Varner and J. W. Shoemaker to the parties of the first part on the __ day of May 1866 by deed in the County Court Clerk's Office of Bedford County in Deed Book 22 at page 117. In Trust to the same uses and trusts declared and created in and by the said conveyance to the parties of the first part, the same to be held subject to the same trusts by the parties of the second part and their successors in trust forever. Witness the following signatures and seals.

James A. Wright
Francis R. Cope

State of Pennsylvania
City of Philadephia S.S.

I, Samuel L. Taylor, a Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia for the said State of Pennsylvania certify that James A. Wright and Francis R. Cope whose names are signed to the within writing, bearing date of the 19th day of August 1874 have acknowledged the same before me in my state aforesaid Given under my hand this 19th day of August, 1874.

Samuel L. Taylor,
Commissioner for Virginia

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 7th 1874

The Deed from James A. Wright and Francis R. Cope, Surviving Trustees of the "Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association" to William Brown & others Trustees, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and, together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

Historical Diary of Bedford, Virginia, U.S.A. by Peter Viemeister included a map of Bedford, Virginia, in about 1875 showing the location of the tobacco factory of Mathews & Wright:

Downtown Bedford - circa 1875.

Our Kin stated that James A. Wright was born on March 11, 1834, married Cornelia Adams on October 3, 1860, at Corinth, Mississippi, and that they had the following children:

1) Pearl Irene Wright, born on September 5, 1861, and

2) George Joel Wright, born on January 7, 1864.

iv. 1901 John Mays Wright Of Halifax County, His Wife Lelia Otweannah (Johnson) Wright, And His Descendants

1901 John Mays Wright of Halifax County was a son of 1875 Joel Wright of Bedford County and Amanda (Jordan) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], 1875 Joel[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jonathan M. Right in the Joel Right household and his age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1836.

The marriage record of John M. Wright and Otweannah L. Johnson was dated on November 10, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, and the consent and liceneal provided as follows:

"A A Arther Clk of the County court of Bedford

I do heare by agree and consent for You to isue such Licons as Will leagally unite my Daughter Otweanah and John M Wright in Matrimony on Oct 31st 1859

Witness William Johnson
Jno S Shmut

Certificate To Obtain A Marriage License.

Having applied to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County for a Marriage License, and being requested, I make the following Certificate, as required by the Act of the General Assembly, passed April 7th, 1858.

Date of Marriage, 10th November 1859
Place of Marriage, Bedford County Va
Full Names of Parties married, John M. Wright & Otweanah L. Johnson
Age of Husband, 23 years of age 19th Sept 1859 (1859)

Age of Wife, 18 years of age
Condition of Husband (single),
Condition of Wife (single),
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Joel Wright & Amanda Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, William & ____ Johnson
Occupation of Husband, Tobacconist

Given under my hand this 1st day of November 1859

John M Wright"

This record indicates that John M. Wright was born on September 19, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John M. Wright in the James M. Matthews household on July 6, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jas M. Mathews	31	M		Manufacturer of Tobacco	4,000
E R Mathews	30	F			
A H Mathews	10	F			
C B Mathews	6	F			
Thos. P Mathews	4	M			
Chas. C Mathews	1	M			
John M. Wright	23	M		Manufacturer of Tobacco	
O. L. Wright	22	F			
Thomas Richardson	20	M		Day laborer	800
A M Foster	28	M		Day laborer	
E. F. Foster	20	F			
Geo Bowers	16	M	M	Mechanic	
W. Gilpin	12	M	M		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
16,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
14,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia	1			
	Virginia	1			
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

The birth record of Estelle Amanda Wright was dated in September 1860 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Estelle Amanda Wright
Date of Birth:	September, 1860
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	John M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Tobacconist
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Otaway L
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Tom, a slave of Matthews & Wright, was dated on April 20, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Tom
Date of Birth:	April 20, 1861
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave

Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Matthews & Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The birth record of William, a slave of Matthews & Wright, was dated in August 10, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	William
Date of Birth:	August 10, 1861
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Matthews & Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that John Mays Wright was born on September 19, 1836, near Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, enlisted as a private in Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, on May 11, 1861, at Liberty, Virginia, was present through July 11, 1861, was absent sick at home from October 3, 1861, to October 31, 1862, was present from March 1 to May 11, 1863, was absent without leave from August 20, 1863, until discharged on September 30, 1863, by the Secretary of War as a Mail Contractor, and that he died on March 6, 1901, at South Boston, Virginia.

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that John Mays Wright enlisted as a private in Company B of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on August 24, 1861, at Bedford County, was born on September 19, 1836, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, was a tobacco manufacturer at Davis Mills Post Office, Bedford County, in the 1860 Census, was listed as "never in service" on the muster rolls, was a farmer at Liberty Post Office, Bedford County, in the 1870 Census, was a tobacco manufacturer at South Boston, died on March 6, 1901, and was buried at Longwood Cemetery, Bedford County.

Remnants Of War 1861-1865 by Ann Chilton listed John M. Wright on the roster of Company A of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War.

A History Of Bedford County, reprinted from the 1884 edition of Hardesty's Historical And Geographical Encyclopedia stated that John M. Wright enlisted in 1862 in Company A of the Second Virginia Cavalry in the Civil War and was discharged in 1863.

Franklin County, Virginia - A History also stated that John M. Wright was a private in Troop D, "Franklin Rangers", of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry in the Civil War.

The birth record of John, a slave of Matthews & Wright, was dated on November 20, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	John
Date of Birth:	November 20, 1861
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Matthews & Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The birth record of John Ashby Wright was dated on September 29, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	John Ashby Wright
Date of Birth:	September 29, 1862
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	John M. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Tobacconist
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Ottiway Ann Lelia
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	John M. Wright
Relation of Informant:	Father"

On March 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/421 John M. Wright, James M. Matthews, and James A. Wright purchased two tracts of 193-1/2 acres and 210 acres of land from Charles J. and Mary M. Jones and William A. and Margaret A. Miller:

> "This Deed made this 28th day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, between Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife of the one part, and James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part. Witnesseth. that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said sum of Thirty thousand dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright the following tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, to wit, One hundred and ninety three and a half acres situate on the west side of Triggs road and on the waters of Echol's creek, including a part of Chestnut Mountain, and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Triggs road, thence along Early's line N 71°1/2 W at 68 poles crossing a branch, at 112 poles crossing a branch, in all 302 poles to a black oak on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along the road as it meanders N 7°1/2 E 58 poles N 16° W 16-1/2 poles to a black oak on the west side of said road thence new dividing lines S 71°1/2 E 101 poles to a stake in a Tobacco House near a hollow, N 84° E 180 poles crossing a branch in all 228 poles to a stake on Trigg's road, thence along the road as it meanders S 0°1/2 E at 11 poles crossing a branch in all 15 poles S 33°1/4 W 34 poles S 17°1/2 W 80 poles, S 1°1/2 W 14 poles S 6° E 28-1/2 poles to the beginning. Also Two hundred and ten acres adjoining the above, and bounded as follows, beginning at a black oak in Early's line on the east side of Hailsford road, thence along Smith and Hobson's lines N 71°1/2 W at 30 poles crossing a dry branch at 100 poles crossing branch at 107 poles passing Smith's corner White oak, in all 139 poles to a large spanish oak, thence along Hobsons lines N 27° E 96 poles to a white oak on the North side of Dickinson road, thence along the road as it meanders N 84° E 40 poles N 85° E 12 poles to a small poplar on the North side of said road, thence off along Harris and Otey's line S 62° E at 28 poles passing Harris pointers at 36 poles crossing Hailsford road in all 86 poles and 6 links to a large forked chestnut, thence with Otey's line S 72°1/2 E 77 poles to a chestnut N 38°1/4 E 97 poles 10 links to pointers, thence with Wingfield's line N 89°1/2 E 83 poles 10 links to a post oak thence with Mansfield's lines S 81° E 87-1/2 poles to a stake on Trigg's road near a branch, thence along the road as it meanders S 22°1/2 W 24 poles S 28° W 116 poles S 4°1/2 E 33 poles to a stake and rock pile on said road, thence off new dividing lines S 84° W at 48 poles crossing a branch, in all 228 poles to a stake in a Tobacco house in a hollow N 71°1/2 W 101 poles to a black oak on the West side of Hailsford road thence along the

road S 16° E 16-1/2 poles S 7°1/2 W 58 poles to the beginning, it being the same tracts of land conveyed to the said Charles J Jones and William H Miller by William D Miller and Sarah E his wife by deed bearing date on the 28th day of January 1863 and of record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed Book ____ to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said tracts of land. And the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller covenants that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the said tracts of land, that they and their said wife's Mary M and Margaret A have the right to convey the same to the said James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright, that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller have done no act to incumber the said land that the said James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrances, and that they the said Charles J Jones and William A Miller will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Charles J Jones
Wm A Miller
M M Jones
M A Miller

City of Lynchburg to wit

We J M Booker and T C Ferguson justices of the peace for the City of Lynchburg State of Virginia do certify that Charles J Jones & William A Miller whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of March 1863 have acknowledged the same before us in the city aforesaid. And we do further certify that Mary M wife of Charles J Jones and Margaret A wife of Wm A Miller whose names are likewise signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in the City aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their said husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them acknowledged the same to be their act & deed and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 26th day of January Eighteen hundred & Sixty four

J M Booker JP
T C S Ferguson J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office the 28th day of January 1864

This deed from Charles J Jones and Mary M his wife and William A Miller and Margaret A his wife to James M Matthews James A. Wright and John M Wright

conveying real estate was produced in said office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 29th $7.00 United States Internal Revenue stamps, placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On March 31, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/221 John M. Wright, James M. Matthews, and James A. Wright purchased 296 acres of land from Jesse T. and Mildred Hopkins:

"This deed made this 31st day of March 1863 Between Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife of the one part and James M Matthews, James A Wright and John M Wright of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty three thousand six hundred and eighty Dollars, cash in hand paid by the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A Wright & Jno M Wright to the said Jesse T Hopkins and wife the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, they the said Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred his wife do grant unto the said James M Matthews, Jas A & Jno M Wright all that certain tract or parcel of Land lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the head South branches of the North Fork of Little Otter, adjoining the town of Liberty containing Two hundred and ninety six acres, it being the same land conveyed to the said Jesse T Hopkins and Jesse H Turner jointly by Jacob Fizer by deed bearing date on the 25th day of February 1845 and of record in the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court in deed book "EE" Pages 327-328 & 329 to which deed ference is hereby made for a more particular description of the Land hereby conveyed and the said Jesse T Hopkins covenants that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of said tract of land that he and his said wife have the right to convey the same to the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright that he the said Jesse T Hopkins has done no act to encumber the said land that they the said Jas M Matthews, Jas A & John M Wright shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumberances and that he the said Jesse T Hopkins will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

Jesse T Hopkins
Mildred Hopkins

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office March 31st 1863

This deed from Jesse T Hopkins and Mildred Hopkins his wife to James M Matthews James A & John M Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and acknowledged by the said Jesse T Hopkins, And Mildred Hopkins wife of the said Jesse T Hopkins whose names are signed to the said deed, bearing date on the 31st day of March 1863, personally appeared before me, in said Office, and being examined by me, privily and apart from her said husband, and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Mildred Hopkins acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon said deed was admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 December 26th $7.00. U.S. Internal Revenue stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed, and canceled this day according to law.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On March 31, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/110 John M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by William M. Wright to secure a debt due to James E. Wright:

"This Deed made and entered into this the 31st day of March 1866, between William M. Wright of the first part and John M Wright of the second part, and James E Wright of the third part, Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said John M. Wright to the said William M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as for the further consideration of securing the debt hereinafter mentioned, the said William M. Wright hath this day given, granted sold and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant, sell, and convey unto the said John M. Wright the following property to wit: Two horses - 1 two horse wagon and harness for the same, 4 sheep - One, one year Old heifer, One bureau, 2 hogs - 2 beds - 1 two horse plough - 2 shovel ploughs and stocks - 2 Coulters and stocks - 1 Mattock - 2 hilling hoes 1 Clock - 1 axe - 1 double tree 4 single trees - 1 safe - 2 sets of ploughs harness. In trust to secure the payment of a bond executed by the said William M. Wright to the said James E. Wright for the sum $700 bearing dates about the 20th day of February 1866 and it is further agreed and understook between the parties to this deed that the said John M Wright is to proceed to execute this deed and sell the property herein conveyed and apply the purchase money to the payment of the aforesaid bond whenever he shall be requested so

to do, by the said James E Wright and not until then, and that said sale shall be by way of public auction after reasonable notice, And the said John M. Wright shall have for his trouble in the execution of this deed such commissions as are allowed by law for that purpose. In Witness whereof Witness the following signatures and seals, this the day and year first above written.

William M Wright

In the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court March 31st 1866.

This Deed of Trust from William M Wright to John M. Wright trustee for the benefit of James E Wright, was produced in said Office (Stamped according to law acknolwedged by the said William M. Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On May 11, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/53 John M. Wright with his partner J. M. Matthews executed a deed of trust to John W. Sale to secure a debt due to Sarah L. Meredith:

"This Deed made this 11th day of May 1868 between J M Matthews John M. Wright copartners trading under the style & firm of Matthews & Wright of the first part, John W. Sale of the second part and Sarah L. Meredith of the third part witnesseth that the said Matthews & Wright are justly indebted to the said Sarah L. Meredith in the sum of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars due and payable on the 11th day of November 1868, by note bearing date 11" day of May 1868 the payment whereof the said J. M. Matthews & John M. Wright are desirous to secure: Now this deed witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said John W. Sale, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged we the said J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright doth grant with general warranty unto the said John W. Sale the following real estate to wit, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying, being, and situate in the County of Bedford on the head south branch of the North fork of Little Otter adjoining the Town of Liberty containing two hundred and ninety six acres, it being the same land conveyed to James A. Wright, James M. Matthews & John M. Wright by Jesse T. Hopkins by deed bearing date 31st day of March 1863, and of record in Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court in Deed book PP page 221 & 222 to which deed reference is hereby made for more particular description of land hereby conveyed. Upon trust, nevertheless the said J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall remain in quiet possession and take the profits thereof to their own use until the said J M. Matthews & John M. Wright shall make default in the payment of the said sum of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars Then upon the further trust that the said John W. Sale

shall so soon after happening of such default of payment, as he may be requested by the said Sarah L. Meredith sell the said real estate or such part thereof as shall be sufficient for the purpose at public auction to the highest bidder for cash after having fixed the time and place of sale at his discretion and given sixty days notice thereof in one of the newspapers published in the City of Lynchburg and also notified the same at the door of the Courthouse of the County on some Court day previous to the day of sale, and out of the proceeds of the sale shall after paying the expenses of sale pay to the said Sarah L. Meredith the debt aforesaid and interest thereon or such part as may be due and the balance if any to the said J. M. Matthews & John M. Wright their Executors, Administrators or assigns, but if the said debt and interest shall be paid off and discharged on or before the 11th day of November 1868 so that no default of payment is made of the said debt then this deed shall be void or else remain in full force. Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. M Matthews
John M. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office the 16" day of May 1868.

This Deed of trust from J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright Co-partners trading under the style & firm of Matthews & Wright to John W Sale Trustee for the benefit of Sarah L. Meredith conveying real estate was produced in said Office with four dollars United States Internal Revenue stamps affixed thereto cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said J M Matthews & John M. Wright and admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/548 John M. Wright purchased 330 acres of land from James M. and Elizabeth R. Wright:

"This Deed made this 11th day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and Seventy between James M Matthews and Elizabeth R his wife of the county of Bedford of the first part and John M Wright of the said County of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars, the said James M Matthews and Elizabeth R his wife do grant unto the said John M Wright with general warranty all that tract or parcel of land purchased of Jones and Miller lying east of the road from Liberty to Joppa Mills containing about Three hundred and thirty acres more or less, being a portion of the same tract of land conveyed to James M Matthews James A Wright and John M Wright by Jones and Miller of date March 28 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP page 421 where reference may be more fully had. Also one moiety or half interest in

the lot and Factory building conveyed to the said Matthews by William T. Campbell being one half of three fourths interest in said lot and Factory recorded in Deed Book PP page 226 where reference can be more fully had. Also one half interest in a tract of land conveyed to James M Matthews by John M Brosins and wife recorded in Deed Book P.P. page 101 where reference can be more fully had.

Witness our hand and seals this day above written

James M Matthews
E. R. Matthews

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the county of Bedford in the state of Virginia do certify that Elizabeth R. Matthews wife of James M Matthews whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 4" day of March 1870 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Elizabeth R. Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14" day of July 1870

Ro S Quarles NP.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office July 14" 1870

This deed from James M Matthews and wife to John M Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said James M Matthews and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles CBC"

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/549 John M. Wright and his wife O. L. Wright purchased a parcel of land from James M. Matthews:

"This Deed made this 4th day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and Seventy between John M Wright and his wife O L Wright of the County of Bedford of the first part, and James M Matthews of the said County of the other

part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of ____ dollars the said John M Wright and his wife O L Wright do grant unto the said James M Matthews with general warranty, all that tract or parcel of land lying west of the road running from Liberty to Halesford being a part of the same tract conveyed to James M Matthews, James A. Wright and John M Wright by Jones & Miller bearing date on the 28th day of March 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP page 421 where reference can be more fully had as to lines and boundaries, Containing as supposed about Seventy acres. Also all their interest in a certain tract of land lying west of the town of Liberty conveyed unto the said James M Matthews, James A. Wright and John M Wright by Jesse T. Hopkins and wife bearing date on the __ day of ____ and recorded in Deed Book QQ page __ where reference can be had for a more particular description of same as to lines boundaries &c, supposed to contain about two hundred and ninety six acres

Witness our hands and seals this day above written

J M Wright
O. L. Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

I Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Oliveanna L Wright wife of John M Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 4th day of March 1870, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweanna L Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1870

Ro S Quarles NP

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 14th 1870.

This Deed from John M Wright & wife to James M Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said office, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said John M Wright & together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C."

On March 4, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/550 John M. and O. L. Wright sold 70 acres of land to James M. Matthews:

"This Deed made this 4th day of March in the year One Thousand eight hundred and Seventy between John M Wright and O. L. Wright his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part, and James M Matthews of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars the said John M Wright and his wife Otweanna L. do grant unto the said James M Matthews with general warranty all that trust or parcel of land lying west of the road running from Liberty to Staunton River being a portion of the tract of land purchased by Jones & Miller J M Matthews J A Wright and John M Wright and supposed to contain about Seventy acres and conveyed to the said J M Matthews J. A. Wright and John M Wright by the said Jones & Miller of date on the 28th day of March 1863 and recorded in Deed Book PP page 421, where reference can be fully had as to boundaries &c &c

Witness our hands & seals this day above written

John M Wright
O. L. Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State aforesaid, do certify Otweanna T. Wright wife of John M. Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 4 day of March 1870, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweana T. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she did not wish to retract it and had willingly executed the Same. Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1870

Ro S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 14th 1870

This Deed from John M Wright & wife to James M Matthews conveying real estate was produced in said office stamped with fifty cents United States Internal

Revenue stamps cancelled according to law acknowledged by the said John M Wright and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S Quarles CB.C."

On November 28, 1870, Joel Wright filed suit against James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt regarding a debt due on a bill of exchange and referencing the tobacco business of John M. Wright:

"To the Honorable Gustavus A. Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your orator Joel Wright that in the year 1861, on the 13th day of April of that year James M. Matthews James A. Wright and John M. Wright, who are partners and tobacconists, doing business under the firm & style of Matthews & Wright being indebted of your orator drew a bill of exchange directed to James M. Goggin and Benjamin W. L. Holt partners and commission merchants doing business under the firm & style of Goggin and Holt, at Memphis, State of Tennessee directing the said Goggin and Holt to pay six months after the date thereof (the 13th day of April 1861) to the order of your orator, Joel Wright, Thirteen hundred & ninety dollars & fifty two cents Value received and charge the same to account of the said Matthews and Wright . . . ."

On February 18, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/102 John W. Sale executed a release of a deed of trust to John M. Wright and James M. Matthews upon payment of a debt of $37,050 and a debt of $2,000:

"This Deed made this 18th day of February 1871 between John W Sale Trustee in a deed of trust executed by James M Matthews and John M Wright under the style and firm of Matthews and Wright bearing date 11th day of May 1868 of the one part and said Matthews & Wright of the other part whereas the said Matthews and Wright did by deed bearing date as aforesaid, which deed is recorded in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford County, convey to said Sale the following property to wit - a certain tract or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the County of Bedford on the head south branch of the north fork of Little Otter adjoining the town of Liberty, containing two hundred and ninety acres, it being the same land conveyed to said Mathews and Wright by Jessee T Hopkins by deed bearing date 31st March 1863 found in deed book PP page 221 & 222 - in trust to secure Sarah L Meredith the payment of a debt of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars with interest thereon from th 14th day of May 1868 till paid - and also a deed of trust executed by James M Matthews to said John W Sale trustee bearing date as of the 6th day of August 1868 -

whereas the said Matthews did by deed as aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid which is recorded in County Courts Clerks office in the Bedford state of Virginia, convey to said John W Sale the following property to wit - all that tract of land, lying, being and situate in the County of Bedford on the Va & TRR one mile from the town of Liberty containing two hundred and twelve acres & 30 poles it being the same land conveyed to said Mathhews by John M Brosius and wife by deed bearing date ____ and recorded in Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford in deed book 22 page 101 - in trust to secure Sarah L Meredith a debt of two thousand dollars due and payable on the 8th day of december 1868 by note bearing date 8th June 1868 with interest thereon from date of note till paid. And whereas the said Matthews and Wright have paid to Sarah L Meredith the debt secured in their said deed with interest thereon and also whereas the said James M Matthews has paid to the said Sarah L Meredith the debt secured by his aforesaid deed with interest thereon, and has required the said John W Sale to return th said Matthews & Wright and the said James M. Matthews the property conveyed by said deeds - Now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of th premises and of the sum of one dollar the said John W Sale doth hereby release and convey with special warranty unto Mathews and Wright the real estate aforesaid conveyed by them by the deed of trust aforesaid and also to return and convey with special warranty unto James M Matthews the real estate conveyed by him, by the deed of trust aforesaid

Witness the following signature & seal

Jno. W. Sale

The foregoing Deed is made by and with my consent. Given under my hand & seal the date first above written

S. L Meredith

Bedford County, to wit:

I, Samuel G Wingfield, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that John W. Sale and S. L. Meredith, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 18th day of February 1871 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1871.

S. G. Wingfield, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 5th 1875.

This Deed of Release from John W. Sale, Trustee, to James M. Matthews & John M. Wright, releasing real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of Blanche Wright was dated on March 17, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Blanche Wright
Date of Birth:	March 17, 1871
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Parents:	John M. & Lelia Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Elizabeth Wright was dated on May 9, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Elizabeth Wright
Date of Birth:	May 9, 1874
Place of Birth:	Liberty District
Parents:	John M. & Lelia O. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Tobacconist
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On March 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/74 John M. Wright purchased two lots of land in Liberty from E. C. Burks and L. D. Haymond, as commissioners:

"This Deed made this 1st day of March, 1875, between James F. Johnson and Susan E Johnson his wife of the one part and John M. Wright of the other part: whereas by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the case of Moss &c vs Johnson, E C Burks & L. D Haymond acting as Commissioners under said decree did on the 9th day of October, 1874, sell by public auction to the highest certain lots of said Johnson in the corporation of Liberty at which sale Wm Graves became the purchaser of Lot No 1 and L. A Sale became the purchaser of Lot No 2 on which is situated the dwelling house for a description of which lots reference is made to the report of said Commissioners in said case

and the diagram returned therewith, which said sales have been confirmed by a decree of said Court in said case, and the said John M. Wright having taken upon himself the purchase of said two lots by agreeing to be substituted as purchaser and paying as they mature the bonds executed respectively by said Graves & Sale for the deferred instalments and repaying to them the cash payments made by them, and whereas the said Susan E. Johnson has a contingent right of dower in the said two lots which the said Wright is desirous of having relinquished to him: Now this Deed witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of six hundred and ninety two dollars & fifty cents paid by the said Wright to the said Susan E. Johnson the said James F. Johnson & Susan E. Johnson do hereby, convey release and relinquish to the said John M. Wright all right title and claim of any kind in and to said lots No 1 & No 2. Witness the following signatures & seals

James F Johnson
Susan E Johnson

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 10th 1875

This deed from James F Johnson and Susan E. Johnson, his wife, to John M. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and acknowledged by the said James F. Johnson; and Susan E. Johnson, the wife of the said James F. Johnson, whose names are signed to the foregoing deed, bearing date on the 1st day of March 1875, personally appeared before me in my Office aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Susan E. Johnson, acknowledged the said deed to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon said deed was admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The will of 1875 Joel Wright dated January 17, 1874, and probated on April 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/267 listed John M. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . and to my son John M. Wright, the remainder of said half of my estate - I also nominate and appoint my son John M. Wright to be my Administrator and Executor . . . ."

Historical Diary of Bedford, Virginia, U.S.A. by Peter Viemeister included a map of Bedford, Virginia, in about 1875 showing the location of the residence of John Mays Wright:

Downtown Bedford - circa 1875.

On November 17, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/27 John M. Wright bought a lot in Liberty from James and E. R. Matthews:

"This Deed made this 17th day of November, 1875, between James M. Matthews and E. R. Matthews his wife of the one part and John M Wright of of the other part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars the said James M. Matthews and E. R. Matthews his wife do convey with general warranty unto the said John M. Wright one equal undivided moiety in the tobacco factory and lot lying in the Corporate limits of the town of Liberty adjoining the residence of said Matthews this day conveyed to said James M Matthews by James F. Johnson acting as Commissioner under a decree of the County Court of Bedford in the case of Matthews vs Reads &c and for a more particular description of said Factory house and lot reference is hereby made to the deed aforesaid made by the said Johnson Commissioner to said Matthews. Witness the following signatures & seals

J. M. Matthews

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

I, C W Wharton, Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 17th day of November 1875. has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 9th day of July 1877.

C. W. Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 10th 1877.

This Deed from James M. Mathtews to John M. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 9, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/387 John M. Wright and O. L. Wright sold a parcel of land to John A. Lazenby:

"This Deed made this 9th day of January (1877) in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, between John M. Wright of the County of Bedford and his wife O. L. Wright of the first part and John A. Lazenby

of the said County of the second part Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Nineteen hundred and seventy two dollars and fifty cents, in hand paid) the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) have granted bargained and sold, and by the presents, do grant, bargain and sell un to the said party of the second part all that piece or parcel of land situate in Bedford County in the State of Virginia, to wit Bounded as follows, Viz Beginning at a stake in the Halesford road a corner in Kaseys line represented on the plat (hereto attached) at figure 1. Thence with Kaseys line from 1 to 2. S. 61 E 51 poles to a forked chestnut, Thence from 2 to 3 S 71-1/2 E 77.20 poles to a chestnut Thence new dividing line from 3 to 6 from 3 to 4, S 51-3/4 E 50.64 poles to a double poplar on the east end of the mountain. Thence from 4 to 5 S 61 E 60.80 poles to a cherry tree on a ridge in a field. Thence from 5 to 6 S 6-1/4 E 88.40 poles crossing a branch to pointers corner to Samuel Fizer and others Thence along Fizers line N 69-3/4 W 22.968 poles crossing two branches to a stake in the Halesford road near a cabin Thence from 7 to 1 along the said road as it meanders N 13 E 43.76 poles N 1-1/4 W 16 poles N 9-1/2 W 34 poles N 19-1/2 W 28 poles to the first Station, Together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging; and all the estate right, title, interest claim and demand of the said parties of the first part herein, and the said John M Wright and his wife O. L. Wright for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant grant, waive, release, relinquish and convey unto the said party of the second part all right, title, claim interest and benefit whatsoever in and to the above described premises, and said parties of the first part shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

John M. Wright
O. L. Wright

November 25th 1874 Surveyed for John A. Lazenby a tract of land containing 131 acres 2 roods and 30 perches situate lying and being in the County on the east side of the road leading from Liberty to Halesford it being the land sold to said Lazenby by John M Wright and is bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a stake in the Halesford road a corner in Kaseys line represented on the plat at figure 1 Thence with Kaseys lines from 1 to 2 S 61 E 51 poles to a forked chestnut Thence from 2 to 3 S 71-1/2 E 77.20 poles to a chestnut. Thence new dividing lines from 3 to 6 from 3 to 4 S 51-3/4 E 50.64 poles to double poplar on the east end of the mountain Thence from 4 to 5 S 61 E 60.80 poles to a cherry tree on a ridge in a field Thence from 5 to 6 S 6-1/4 E 88.40 poles Xing a branch to pointers Corner to Samuel Fizer and others Thence along Fizers line N 69-3/4 W 229.68 poles Xing 2 branches to a stake in the Halesford road near a cabin

Thence from 7 to 1 along the said road as it meanders N 13 E 43.76 poles N 1-1/4 W. 6 poles N 9-1/2 W 34 poles N 19-1/2 W 28 poles to the first station

By Thomas A Jeter Sur B.C

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office February 8th 1877

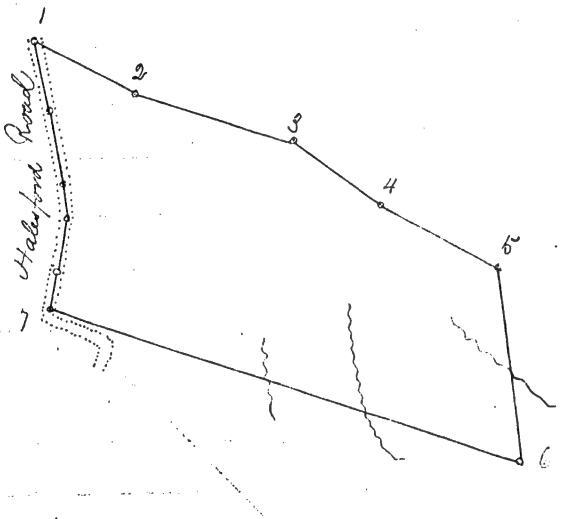
This Deed from John M. Wright and O. L. Wright his wife to John A. Lazenby conveying real estate was produced in said Office and acknowledged by the said John M. Wright and O. L. Wright the wife of said John M. Wright whose names are signed to said deed bearing date the 9th day of January 1877, also came before me in said Office and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said O. L. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she hand willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon said deed was admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

A copy of the survey for that parcel of land appears on the following page.

the said parties of the first part herein, and the said John M. Wright and his wife O. L. Wright for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant grant, waive, release, relinquish and convey unto the said party of the second part all right, title, claim interest and benefit whatsoever in and to the above described premises, and said parties of the first part have and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

John M. Wright (seal)
O. L. Wright (seal)



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The death record of Cora A. Wright, daughter of John M. and O. L. Wright, was dated on April 22, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full:	Cora A. Wright
Date of Death:	April 22, 1877
Place of Death:	Bedford
Cause of Death:	Heart disease
Age:	10 yrs
Names of Parents:	John M. & O. L. Wright
Where Born:	Bedford"

This record indicates that Cora A. Wright was born in about 1867.

On July 9, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/28 John M. and Otweannah L. Wright and James Matthews executed a deed of trust to Henry C. Lowry to secure a debt due to E. C. Burks:

> "This deed made this the 9th day of July, 1877, between James M. Matthews and John M Wright and Ott L, his wife of the first part, E. C. Burks Sr. of the second part, and Henry C. Lowry of the third part, all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia: Whereas the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright are justly indebted to the said E. C. Burks Sr in the sum of two thousand dollars, which indebtedness is evidenced by the bond of the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, bearing date the same as this deed, to wit, the 9th day of July, 1877, for the sum of two thousand dollars, and payable to the said E. C. Burks Sr. twelve months after date, with interest at six per cent per anum from date till payment. And the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright are desirous of securing to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the payment of the said sum of two thousand dollars.
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> Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of ten dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the premises, and in order to secure to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the payment of said sum of money and the interest which may accrue thereon, the said James M. Matthews, and John M. Wright and Ott L. his wife, do grant and convey unto the said Henry C. Lowry all of a certain lot or parcel of land, situate on Bridge Street in the town of Liberty, Va, opposite to the Episcopal Church, and adjacent to the lot on which the said James M. Matthews now resides - being the same on which is situate the tobacco factory now used and occupied by the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, partners doing business under the style and firm of Matthews & Wright together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto appurtaining, and all the machinery and fixtures of every kind and description, now in said factory, and used by the said Matthews & Wright in the manufacture

of tobacco. And the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright do covenant that they are lawfully seised in fee simple of said property, that they have the right to convey the same to the said Henry C. Lowry; that said property is free from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. And they do further covenant, that until said bond and the interest thereon shall be fully paid, they will keep the said factory building insured in some responsible Insurance Company, for at least the sum of $2000. and will transfer the policy for such Insurance to the said Henry C. Lowry as a further security for the payment of said bond and interest. In trust nevertheless, that if the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall make default in whole or in part in the payment of said bond and interest at its maturity, or shall at any time fail to have said factory building Insured and keep the same insured as aforesaid, or to transfer such policy of Insurance as aforesaid, then or in either of said events, it shall be the duty of the said Henry C. Lowry, so soon thereafter as he shall be so required by the said E. C. Burks Sr his representatives or assigns, to sell said property for cash, after having first advertized the time, terms and place of such sale, in such manner and for such length of time, as he may deem sufficient to give general notice thereof, and out of the proceeds of such sale first, pay the costs of drawing and recording this deed, the expenses of such sale, and all other necessary costs incurred in the execution of the trusts hereinbefore declared, and second pay to the said E. C. Burks Sr. the full amount due on said bond, principal and interest, and the residue, if any, pay over to the said Matthew Wright. And if said factory building should be destroyed by fire, said bond and the interest accrued thereon shall forthwith become due and payable, and it shall be the duty of said Henry C. Lowry to collect the money due on said policy of Insurance, and apply the proceeds thereof in the same manner as is hereinbefore directed in case of sale, whether said bond shall according to its term, be then due or not. But if the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright shall well and truly pay the whole of said bond, principal and interest, at its maturity, then the said Henry C. Lowry, shall, upon production to him of satisfactory evidence of such payment and upon the request of the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright redeliver and reassign said policy of insurance and reconvey said property to them, their heirs or assigns. Witness the following signatures and seals

Jas M. Matthews
John M Wright
Otweannah Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I, C W Wharton, Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that J. M. Matthews and Jno M Wright whose names are signed to the

writing above bearing date of the 9th day of July 1877 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Otweannah Wright, the wife of Jno M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 9th day of July 1877, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Otweannah Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not to retract it. Given under my hand this 9th day of July 1877.

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 10th 1877.

This Deed of Trust from James M. Matthews and John M. Wright and wife to Henry C. Lowry Trustee, for the benefit of E. C. Burks Sr., conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of Lelia J. Wright was dated on May 8, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Lelia J. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 8, 1877
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	John M. & Lelia O. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Tobacconist
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John M. Wright with the following household on June 7, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
John M. Wright	W	M	41		
Otweana Wright	W	F	40		Wife
Wm Johnson Wright	W	M	16		Son
Estelle Wright	W	F	18		Daughter
William Wright	W	M	12		Son
Jennie Wright	W	F	8		Daughter
Lizzie Wright	W	F	5		Daughter
Lelia Wright	W	F	3		Daughter
Betsy Haynes	W	F	50		Servant
Amanda Wright	W	F	69		Mother
Lelia Leftwich	B	F	17		Servant
John Wills	B	M	21		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Tobacco Manufacturer		
M		Keeps house		
S		Tobacco Factory		
S		At home		
S		At School		
S				
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S		Cook		
W		At home		
S		House Girl		
S		Laborer		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
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This record indicates that John M. Wright was born in about 1839 and that Otweana Wright was born in about 1840.

On February 10, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/90 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews purchased a parcel of land from Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. Kasey:

> "This Deed made the tenth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighty two between Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. his Wife of Salem Roanoke County Va and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright of Liberty Bedford County Va. Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to them in hand paid the said Thomas A. Kasey and Virginia M. his Wife doth grant and release unto the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright all of their right, title and interest whatsoever in or to a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Roanoke North West of the Town of Salem and adjoining the Lands of Dr T. H. B. Dissian and others and Known as the ____ Lands
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> Witness the following signatures and seals.
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> Thomas A. Kasey
> Virginia M. Kasey
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> State of Virginia Roanoke County to Wit:
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> I, John L. Barnett a Commissioner in chancery in the Circuit Court of this County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Thomas A. Kasey whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 10th day of February 1882 has

acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. I do further certify that Virginia M. Kasey wife of Thomas A. Kasey whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 10th day of February 1882 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia M. Kasey acknowledged the writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 10th day of February Anno Domini 1882.

John L. Barnett Commr.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County this 10th day of February 1882. This Deed from Thomas A. Kasey & Wife to James M. Matthews & John M. Wright bearing date on this day was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On July 3, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/331 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews purchased 3 tracts of land from D. B. Strausse, as commissioner:

"This Deed made this 3rd day of July 1882 between D. B. Strausse as Comr of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County of the case of Burke & Bradbury & al vs T. A. Kasey & al of the first part, and James M. Matthews and John M. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: that whereas at a sale of the lands of the said T. A. Kasey (hereinafter described) which sale was made under proceedings in the said cause, the said parties of the second part became the purchasers, and they having paid the entire purchase money as appears by report of D. B. Strause Receiver filed with the papers in the said cause, the said Court by its further order in the said cause directed the said party of the first part as Commissioner to convey the said lands to the said parties of the second part. Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part doth hereby grant and convey to the said parties of the Second part with special warranty the said lands consisting in three several tracts as follows: First a tract of land on which the said T. A. Kasey now resides situated on the South side of Main Street in the town of Salem said to contain 9-5/8 acres there being reserved 1/2 acre of the said tract there being 10 acres in the tract. Second a tract of land situate N.W. from Salem and adjoining the lands of T. H. B. Dillard and the corporate limits of said town said to contain 149 acres more or less. Third a tract of Mountain Land situated some two miles N of Salem said to contain 21 acres all of which lands were conveyed to the said T. A. Kasey by Robert Sutfakin & wife to which deeds

reference is here made for a more minute discription of the said Lands - Witness the following signature & seal this day and year first above written.

D. B. Strause Comr.

Virginia
County of Roanoke, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me Wm. McCauley Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke County D. B. Strause whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 3d day of July 1882 and acknowledged the same in my office and County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 17th day of July 1882.

Teste
Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 27th day of July 1882. This Deed from D. B. Strause Comr &c to James M. Matthews and John M. Wright bearing date on the 3rd of July 1882 was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

On July 22, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/341 John M. Wright and Otweanna Wright and James M. Mathews and Jennie E. Mathews sold 146 acres of land to E. M. Armstrong and Margie M. Armstrong:

"This Deed made the 22nd day of July 1882 between James M. Mathews and Jennie E. his wife John M. Wright and Otweanna his wife of the first part and E. M. Armstrong and Margie M his wife all of the State of Virginia of the second part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of twenty two hundred and forty five ($2245.00) The said parties of the first part doth sell grant and convey unto the said party of the second part with general warranty a tract of land situated adjoining and north of the town of Salem containing one hundred and forty six (146) acres more or less and except 3-1/2 acres which is not included in this conveyance is the same tract of land which was conveyed to T. A. Kasey by Sutphine & wife and to us by a Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County in the case of Burke & Bradley and others against T. A. Kasey and others, and having sold five acres of the tract hereby conveyed to C. C. Snyder and he having conveyed the same to D. B. Strause, and the said Strause having sold the said five acres to the said party of the second part, the said Strause and

Lucey A his wife do hereby unite in this conveyance with general warranty as to the said five acres. But the said Strause & Wife reserve upon the said five acres a lien for the purchase money amounting to $635.00 evidenced by five bonds executed to the said Strause by E. M. Armstrong Jr. and M. M. Armstrong as follows, all dated 2nd Feby 1882 one for $30.00 due in one year, one for $30.00 due in two years one for $30.00 due in three years, one for $280.00: due in four years, and one for $265.00 due in five years And the said Mathews & Wright reserve a lien upon the residence of the lands hereby conveyed for $1610.00 with interest from first Feby 1882 due in one two and three years from that day.

Witness the following signatures and seals this day and year first above written.

James M. Matthews
Jennie E. Matthews
J. M. Wright
Otweanna Wright
D. B. Strause
Lucy A. Strause

Virginia
Roanoke Co. to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me Wm. McCauley Commissioner in chancery of the County Court of Roanoke County D. B. Strause and Lucy E. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 22nd day of July 1882 and the said D. B. Strause acknowledged the same in my County aforesaid. And the said Lucey A. Strause being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Lucy A. Strause acknowledged the same to be her act and she declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1882.

Wm. McCauley Comr in Chancery
of Roanoke Co. Ct.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me Robert S. Quarles Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County James M. Matthews & Jennie E. his wife, John M. Wright and Otweanna L. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 22nd July 1882 and the said James M. Matthews and John M. Wright acknowledged the same in my County aforesaid. And the said

Jennie E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright being examined by me privately and apart from their husbands, and having said writing fully explained to them, they, the said Jennie E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright acknowledged the same to be their act, and they declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 26th day of July 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles Clk
Bedford Co. Court.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County this 5th day of August 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to E. M. Armstrong Jr & Margaret M. his wife bearing date on the 22nd day of July 1882 was produced and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

On August 7, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/440 John M. Wright and Otweana L. Wright and James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews sold a parcel of land to Lucy Campbell:

"This Deed made this the 7th day of August A.D. 1882 between James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews his wife and John M. Wright and Otweana L. Wright his wife of the first part and Lucy Campbell of the County of Roanoke of the second part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part, the said parties of the first part do grant with covenants of general warranty unto the said party of the second part, a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Salem, on the south side of Main or Roanoke Street, and is bounded as follows. Beginning on said street corner to the lot purchased of said parties of first part by Ellen M. Ballard, thence with the line of the said lot S 3-1/4 E 17-94/100 poles to projected extensions of Calhoun (Catherine?) Street, thence with the line of the said street S 77-1/4 W. Seventy feet to a stone, thence N 3-1/8 W 17-94/100 poles to the said Main or Roanoke Street, thence with the said street N 77-1/4 E. Seventy feet to the Beginning. The said parties of the first part covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee, that they have done no act to encumber the same, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumberance, and that they the said parties of the first part will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures & seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
J. M. Wright
O. L. Wright

Virginia, Roanoke Co. to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for said County & State aforesaid do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 7th day of August 1882 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Virginia E. Matthews the wife of James M. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright the wife of John M. Wright whose names are also signed to the said foregoing writing bearing date the day and year last above written personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from their respective husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Virginia E. Matthews and Otweanna L. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of August 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 23d day of September 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to Lucy Campbell bearing date on the 7th day of August 1882 was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On August 22, 1882, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. M/389 John M. Wright and Otweannah L. Wright and James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews sold a tract of land in Salem to Ellen M. Ballard:

"This Deed made this the 22nd day of August A.D. 1882 between James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews his wife and John M. Wright and Otweannah L. Wright his wife of the first part and Ellen M. Ballard of the Second part. Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first

part, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, with covenants of general warranty, unto the said Ellen M. Ballard a certain lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Salem in Roanoke County State of Virginia and is bounded as follows. Beginning on Main or Roanoke Street corner to the lot of the Heirs of John H. Griffin decd. thence with the said line and the line of the lot purchased of said Heirs by George W. Fleming S 3-1/8 E 17-94/100 poles to projected extension of Calhoun (Catharine?) St. thence with the said Street S 77-1/4 W Seventy feet thence N. 3-1/8 W. 17-94/100 poles to the said Main or Roanoke Street, thence with said Street N 77-3/4 E 70 feet to the Beginning. The said parties of the first part covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee, that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances and that they the said parties of the first part will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following Signatures and seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
John M. Wright
O. L. Wright

Virginia, Bedford County to Wit:

I Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 22nd day of August 1882 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Virginia E. Matthews, the wife of James M. Matthews, and Otweannah L. Wright, the wife of John M. Wright whose names are also signed to the said writing bearing date the day and year last above written personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their respective husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Virginia E. Matthews and Otweannah L. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of August 1882.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 1st day of September 1882. This Deed from James M. Matthews & wife and John M. Wright and wife to Ellen M. Ballard bearing date on the 22nd day of August 1882

was produced and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk"

On January 1, 1883, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Q/240 John M. Wright and O. L. Wright and James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews sold a lot of land in Salem to Virginia M. Kasey:

"This Deed made this the first day of January, in the year 1883, between James M. Matthews, and his wife, V. E. Matthews, and John M. Wright, and his wife O. L. Wright of the first part of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia and Virginia M. Kasey of Roanoke County, State of Virginia, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, - five hundred dollars of which has been paid this day to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part, and the residue to be paid in two equal payments of five hundred dollars each for which the party of the second part has executed her bonds, as of the 1st of Jany 1882, payable two and three years after that date, with interest thereon after the rate of six per centum per annum till paid.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises the said parties of the first part, do grant and hereby convey to the said party of the second part, with general warranty, a tract or lot of land, on which Thomas A Kasey now resides, situated in the Town of Salem, Virginia, on the south side of an intended street hereafter to be run which will be located through the Griffin property, thence runing west connecting with a street west of the premises hereby conveyed, the said property being a parcel of the tract of ten acres of land conveyed to Matthews & Wright by D. B. Strouss Commissioner, bearing date 3rd July 1883 and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County Virginia. The said lot hereby conveyed, said to contain five acres more or less: one-half acre of which is reserved for burial purposes

Witness the following seals and signatures this day above written

James M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia,
Bedford County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, R. S. Quarles, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 1st day of January 1883, and acknowledged the same before me. I also do certify that V. E. Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said V. E. Matthews, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 31st day of Jany 1883.

Ro S Quarles, N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke County, the 2d day of January 1886. This Deed from Matthews & Wright to Virginia M. Kasey, bearing date on the 1st day of January 1884, was this day presented in said office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

On October 10, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/467 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews and his wife Virginia E. Matthews sold a lot in Liberty to the Mayor and Common Council of Liberty:

"This deed made this 10th day of October, in the year 1883, between James M. Matthews, & his wife Virginia E. Matthews, & John M. Wright, of Liberty, Bedford County Virginia, parties of the first part, & the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty, Virginia, parties of the second part. Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, to be paid in three several instalments of eight hundred & eighty three dollars, and thirty three & one third cents, each, with legal interest thereon till paid, from the date hereof. They the said James M. Matthews, Virginia E. Matthews, his wife, & John M. Wright, do grant unto the said Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Liberty, Virginia, with general warranty all that lot in the said town of Liberty, Virginia; known as the "Medoc" situated on the corner (N.E.) of Main and Court Streets. The said parties of the first part retains a lien on the above property until all the

purchase money, & accrued Interest is paid thereon. Witness the following signatures & seals.

James M. Matthews
Virginia E. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford to wit:)

I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid, do certify that James M. Matthews & John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the within writing, bearing date on the 10th day of October 1883, have acknowledged the same before me, in my County, & State aforesaid. I do further certify, that Virginia E Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 11th day of October in the year 1883, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid & being examined by me privily & apart from her husband & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Virginia E. Matthews, wife of the said James M. Matthews, acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same, & does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 10th day of December 1883

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 22nd 1883.

This Deed from James M. Matthews & wife & John M. Wright to the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office & together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 10, 1883, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. O/611 John M. Wright and James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews sold a tract of land to Jessie C. Martin:

"This Deed made this the 10 day of November 1883 between James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright of the first part and Jessie C. Martin of the Second part

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of twenty eight dollars and eighty eight cents the receipt of which is herein acknowledged the said James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright do grant unto said Jessie C. Martin the following tract of land lying about one mile N.W. of Salem in the County of Roanoke Virginia to wit beginning at a pine on Dry Branch corner to a lot of John Deleo(?) and with his line Northward 70 yards to a Line on the line of E. M. Armstrong and with his line Westward 70 yards to a stone Corner to the lot of William Esural and with his line Southward to a sycamore near the road of the Branch and then down the branch as it meanders to the beginning estimated to be one acre, be the same more or less by these boundaries Witness our hands and Seals the day and date first herein written

James M Matthews
Virginia E Matthews
John M Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

I Robert S Quarles Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid do certify that James M Matthews and John M. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 10th day of December 1883 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. I do further cerfity that Virginia E. Matthews, wife of the said James M Matthews whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date on the 10th day of Decr. in the year 1883, personally appeared before me in my County and State aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia E Matthews the wife of the said James M Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 14th day of Decr. 1883

Ro. S Quarles Clerk

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 12th day of December 1883. This Deed from James M. Matthews & others to Jesse C Martin bearing date on the 10th day of November 1883, was this day presented in said Office and together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On February 1, 1884, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Y/195 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews sold a 1/2 acre lot of land in Salem to Alice Ann Siler:

> "This Deed, made this the 1st day of Feby 1884, between James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright of the first part, and Alice Ann Siler of the second part. Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife, and John M. Wright do grant unto the said Alice Ann Siler all all that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke County Va. on Dry Branch about one mile north of Salem, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine corner to the lot of Jesse C. Martin on the bank of Dry Branch, thence down the branch 35 yards to a stake on E. M. Armstrong Jr's line, and with his line northward 70 yards to a stake on said Armstrong's line, thence Westward with his line 35 yards to a stone corner to the lot of said Jessee C. Martin, Thence with his line southward 70 yards to the beginning. The said lot estimated to be one half acre be the same more or less. The portion of the of the first part covenant to warrant generally the title to said lot of land to the said Alice Ann Siler
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> Witness our hands and seals, the day and date first herein written.
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> Jas. M. Matthews
> V. E. Matthews
> John M. Wright.
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> State of Virginia,
> Bedford County, to wit:
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> I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County in the State aforesaid, certify that Jas M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 1st day of Feby 1884 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid"

On February 6, 1884, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. P/128 John M. Wright and James M. Mathews and Virginia E. Mathews joined Charles H. Carroll and Margaret B. Carroll in conveying 1-1/4 acres of land to E. M. Armstrong, Jr:

> "This Deed made this the 6th day of February 1884 between James M. Mathews and Virginia E. his wife John M. Wright, Chas H. Carroll and Margaret B. his wife of the first part E. M Armstrong Jr of the second part. Witnesseth that whereas the said Chas H Carroll did heretofore purchase of the said Mathews & Wright the lot of land hereinafter conveyed and on the 21 March 1883 paid to them the

sum of $42.20 the full amount of the purchase money and the said Chas W. Carroll after having erected thereon a house has sold the said lot with the improvements thereon to the said Armstrong for the sum of $100 cash in hand. Now therefore in consideration of the said $42.00 paid by the said Carroll the said James M Mathews and Virginia E. his wife and John M. Wright, and the consideration of One hundred dollars paid by said Armstrong to said Carroll, the said Chas W. Carroll and Margaret B. his wife do grant unto E. M. Armstrong Jr all that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke County Virginia on Dry Branch about one mile north of the town of Salem bounded as follows. Beginning at a small sycamore near the ford of the Creek and corner to the lot of Jessee C. Martin thence Northward with said Martins line about 85 yards to a stone on the line of said E. M Armstrong Jr thence Westward with his line to the upper ford on Dry Branch thence down said road as it mianders to the beginning corner, the same estimated to contain one and one quarter acres be the same more or less and the same sold by said Mathews and Wright to said Chas W. Carroll and now by his request evidenced by his joining herein, conveyed to said Armstrong Witness the following signatures and Seals the day and year first herein written

Jas. M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright
Margaret B. Carroll
Charles W. Carroll.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit:

I Robert S Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County in the State aforesaid certify that Jas. M Matthews and J. M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of Feby 1884 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. I do further certify that V. E Matthews wife of J M Matthews, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of Feby 1884 personally appeared before me in the County and State aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said V. E Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 9th day of Feby 1884

Ro. S. Quarles Clk.

Virginia
Roanoke County to wit:

I James W. Palmer a Comr in Chancery for the Circuit Court of said County do certify that C. W. Carroll whose name is signed to the foregoing deed dated the 6 Feb 1884 has acknowledged the same before me in my said County and I further certify that Margaret B. Carroll the wife of said C. W. Carroll whose name is likewise signed to said deed, personally appeared before me in my said county and being examined privily and apart from her said husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Margaret B. Carroll acknowledge the same to be her act, and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 12 February 1884.

James W. Palmer Comr.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 13th day of February 1884. This Deed from James M. Matthews & als to E M Armstrong Jr bearing date on the 6th day of February 1884 was this day presented in said office and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On March 1, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/191 John M. Wright joined with others in a deed for a lot of land in Liberty to various trustees for a Methodist Episcopal Church:

"This Deed made this first day of March A.D. 1884 between M. P. Burks Commissioner as hereinafter named, Sarah A. Holt, John M. Wright John McH. Peters and L. L. Peters his wife, and Charlotte A Hensley of the first part, and David M. Newsom, Micajah Davis Rice McGhee, Robert F. Robertson and Robert E Stiff Trustees as hereinafter mentioned of the second part

Whereas, under a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, made on the 7" day of October, 1870, in the Chancery cause of Holt for &c vs Holts Adm &c" sale was made of the house & lot in the Bill & proceedings in said cause mentioned, and hereinafter more particularly described, and afterwards to wit: on the 4" day of May 1871, by decree made in said cause said sale was confirmed, and afterwards all of the purchase money for the same having been paid, by a further decree made in said cause, on the 30th day of June 1874, it was adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said M. P. Burks who was thereby

appointed a special commissioner for that purpose, should, by proper deed with special warranty, and at the cost of the grantee convey the lot aforesaid, in the Town of Liberty Va in the Bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned, with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances thereunto appertaining and belonging to the said Sarah A. Holt, or to whom she might appoint; And whereas the said Sarah A Holt before she had paid the purchase money for said lot, sold the said lot and the buildings and improvements aforesaid to the said John M Wright by an unwritten contract at the price of $2500.00 and placed the said Wright in possession thereof, and the said purchase money due by said Wright was applied to the payment of the amount due on said lot by the said Sarah A Holt. And Whereas afterwards the said John M. Wright did sell the same lot and premises aforesaid to the said John McH. Peters for the price of $2500.00 the receipt whereof, the said Wright doth hereby acknowledge: And whereas afterwards the said Jno. McH Peters sold the said lot and premises to the said Charlotte A Hensley for the sum of $2500.00 the receipt whereof said John McH Peters doth hereby acknowledge, and afterwards the buildings upon said lot having been destroyed by fire, the said Charlotte A Hensley sold the said lot & the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the parties of the second part for the sum of Nine hundred dollars, of which the sum of Three hundred dollars has been paid in cash, and for the residue of which, to wit: the sum of $600.00 with the interest thereon added, the said Charlotte A Hensley has accepted two negotiable notes one for the sum of $309.00 and the other for the sum of $318.00 made by Robert F. Robertson, John W. Johnston & David M. Newsom jointly, each of said notes dated the 23d day of February 1884, & the first payable six months after date, and the other payable twelve months after date. And whereas no deed has ever as yet been made to the said Sarah A. Holt John M Wright, John McH Peters or to the parties of the second part.

Now therefore this Deed Witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, and of five dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said M. P Burks Commissioner as aforesaid, and John M. Wright John McH. Peters and L L Peters his wife, Sarah A Holt and Charlotte A. Hensley do grant and convey unto the said David M. Newsom, Micajah Davis, Rice McGhee, Robert F Robertson and Robert E Stiff Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) in the Town of Liberty, the said M. P. Burks Commissioner with special warranty and the said John M. Wright, John Mc.H. Peters, Sarah A. Holt and Charlotte A. Hensley with general warranty all of a certain lot or parcel of land in the Bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned, situate on Main Street in the Town of Liberty, in the County aforesaid, adjacent to the lot lately owned by Samuel Hoffman decd, and others, being the same lot or parcel of land, conveyed to William L. Holt by James F. Johnson Trustee, by deed bearing date on the 14th day of June 1858, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of said County together with the privileges and appurtenances thereunto in any

wise appertaining. The said lot to be kept, held, maintained and disposed of by the said David M Newsom, Micajah Davis, Rice McGhee, Robert F Robertson and Robert E. Stiff, Trustees as aforesaid, and their successors in office, as a lot upon which to erect a Church building, parsonage and other buildings for the use of the White Congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) in the Town of Liberty Va subject to the usage and discipline of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said lot herein conveyed is situate. Witness the following signatures and seals

M. P. Burks Commissioner
S A Holt
John M. Wright
John McH. Peters
L L Peters
Charlotte A Hensley

State of Virginia - City of Lynchburg, to wit:

I, K Otey a Notary Public for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that John McH Peters whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the first day of March 1884, has acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid

Given under my hand this tenth day of April 1884

K. Otey Notary Public

State of Virginia: City of Lynchburg to wit:

I K Otey a Notary Public for the City of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia do certify that L L Peters the wife of John McH Peters whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the first day of March 1884 personally appeared before me in the City aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said L. L. Peters acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this fourteenth day of April 1884

K Otey Notary Public

State of Virginia

County of Bedford to wit

I R B Owen a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that M P Burks S A Holt John M Wright Charlotte A Hensley whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the first day of March 1884 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this the 29th day of April 1884

R B Owen, J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office May 28th 1884

This Deed from M. P Burks Commissioner and others to David M Newsom & others Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro S Quarles, C.B.C."

On August 20, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/435 John M. Wright sold 196 acres of land to the firm of Walker Brothers:

"This Deed made this 20 day of August, 1885, between John M. Wright, of the County of Bedford, of the first part, and Jesse L. Walker, Alonzo T. Walker and James W. Walker, partners in trade under the style and firm of Walker Brothers, of the said County, of the second part, Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Fifteen dollars per acre paid by the parties of the second part, the said party of the first part doth hereby grant and convey to the said parties of the second part, with general warranty all that tract of land situated in the County of Bedford, on the West side of Trigg's Road, adjoining the lands of G. A. Wingfield, Soloman Lindsey's Estate, Samuel Fizer and others: said tract contains One hundred and ninety six acres, three roods and fifteen perches, and is bounded as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a broken Chestnut, corner to J. A. Lazenby and J. G. Kasey, and represented on the plat at figure 1, thence from 1 to 2 N. 40-1/4, East 83.60 poles to a post oak, thence from 3 to 4 with Mansfield's line S. 79-1/4, E 87-1/2 poles to a stake in Trigg's road near a branch, thence along the old road from 4 to 5 as it meanders S 23-1/2, W 24 poles S 29-1/2 W. 18 poles S. 1-1/4, W 49 poles, crossing a branch, to a stake, thence S. 33, W. 38 poles S. 19, W. 78 poles, S. 2-1/2, E. 41 poles to Lindsey's corner black oak on the East side of said road, thence from 5 to 6, along Mrs A. Fizer's, N 69-3/4, W. 72.32 poles crossing a branch, to John A. Lazenby and Samuel Fizer, thence new dividing lines with

Lazenby N. 6-1/4, W. 88.40 poles, crossing a branch, to a cherry tree on a ridge in a field, thence N. 61, W 60.80 poles to a double poplar on the East end of the Mountain, thence N. 51-3/4, W. 50.64 poles to the first station.

Witness the following signature and seal this day above written.

John M. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 15th, 1889

This Deed from John M. Wright to Jesse L. Walker, Alonzo T Walker and James W. Walker, partners in trade under the style and firm of Walker Brothers, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said John M. Wright, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On October 3, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/519 E. T. Walker executed a crop lien to the firm of Newsom & Wright, of which John Mays Wright was a partner:

"$100.00

On Demand I promise to pay to Newsom & Wright or order, the sum of One hundred Dollars, for value received, with interest from date till paid; and hereby waive the benefits of homestead and all other exemptions as to this debt.

The above amount has been advanced on my Crops of Tobacco, raised in the year 1885; not less than 1500 pounds, the whole of which I promise and bind myself to deliver to said Newsom & Wright for sale by them.

Witness my hand and seal this the 3 day of Oct, 1885

E T Walker

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 3rd 1885

This Crop Lien from E. T. Walker to Newsom & Wright was produced in said Office, ackowledged by the said E. T. Walker and admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On December 12, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/47 A. W. Stone executed a crop lien to the firm of Newsom & Wright:

"$17.33

On Demand I promise to pay to Newsom & Wright or order, the sum of Seventeen 33/100 Dollars, for value received, with interest from date, till paid; and hereby waive the benefit of homestead and all other exemptions as to this debt.

The above amount has been advanced on my Crops of Tobacco, raised in the year 1885; not less than 1400 pounds, the whole of which I promise and bind myself to deliver to said Newsom & Wright, for sale by them. Witness my hand and seal this the 12 day of December, 1885

A. W Stone

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 12th 1885

This Crop Lien from A. W. Stone to Newsom & Wright, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said A. W. Stone, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Saml. H. Quarles, D.Clk."

On June 29, 1886, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. Q/484 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews and V. E. Matthews sold two lots of land in Salem to Virginia M. Kasey:

"This Deed made this the 29 day of June in the year 1886 between James M. Matthews and V. E Matthews, his wife, and John M Wright of the first part and Virginia M. Kasey of the second part, Witnesseth; that for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, the said parties of the first part do grant and hereby convey to the said party of the second part, with general warranty, two lots or tracts of land, one of which is situated in the town of Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, on the South side of Main Street, supposed to contain four acres more or less and adjoins a lot conveyed by deed bearing date 23rd of August 1883 to Ellen M Ballard by the parties of the first part, and a lot conveyed by same to Lucy Campbell by deed bearing date 7th of August 1882, and a lot conveyed by same to V. M. Kasey by deed which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Deed Book Q page 240. This is intended to embrace all the remainder of the lot in the Town of Salem, Roanoke Co. Va.

conveyed by D. P. Strouse Comr &c to J. M Matthews and J. M. Wright. The other lot of 21 acres, more or less, lying and being in the County of Roanoke Va. two miles North of Salem Va. it being the same conveyed by D. P. Strouse, Comr &c. to James M. Matthews and Jno. M. Wright, by deed bearing date third day of July 1883 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, Virginia. Witness the following seals and signatures this the day above written

James M. Matthews
V. E. Matthews
John M. Wright.

State of North Carolina)
Surry County)

I, S. D. Isbel a Notary Public, do hereby certify that J. M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews, his wife, personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance: and the said Virginia E. Matthews, being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same, freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto.

Witness my hand and Official seal, this 29 day of June A.D. 1886.

S. D. Isbel Notary Public

State of North Carolina) Superior
Surry County) Court.

I, R. S. Folger Clerk of said Count, do hereby certify that S. D. Isbel, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, a Notary Public in & for said County, duly qualified & commissioned, and as such under the laws of North Carolina, has the right to take the acknowledgment of deeds. Witness my hand and Official seal at Office in Dotson(?) the 29th June 1886.

R. S. Folger, Clerk
Superior Court
Surry Count N.C.

State of Virginia, Bedford County to wit:

I, M. P Burke a Notary Public for the County of Bedford State of Virginia, do certify that Jno. M. Wright, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on 29th day of June 1886, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 3rd day of July 1886.

M. P. Burke N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, the 2nd day of August 1886 this Deed was presented, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On January 18, 1887, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 60/209 John M. Wright purchased one-half of a factory building and from J. M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews:

"This deed made this 18 day of January 1887 between James M Matthews, and his wife, Virginia E., of the first part, and John M. Wright of the second part.

Witnesseth - that whereas, the parties of the first part, have sold unto the party of the second part, one half interest in the Factory building, and lot of ground on which said building is located, known as the Stemery adjoining the lot of J. M. Smith, on the west, Mrs M. O. Leftwich, on the north, J. M. Matthews, on the East, and Jackson Street, on the South, in the town of Liberty, Virginia, containing about 1/16 of an acre more or less, that in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars, paid to the parties of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part, do hereby grant and convey unto the party of the second part, all the land or lot described above, that is to say one half interest in the said lot of land, and appurtances thereon, with general warranty as witness our hands and seals this day above written

J. M. Matthews
Virginia E Matthews

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

I, Calloway Brown a Notary public, for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that James M Matthews and Virginia E Matthews whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 18 day of Jany 1887,

have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid and I do further certify that, Virginia E. Matthews wife of the said J M Matthews, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 18" day of Jany 1887, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia E Matthews acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 19th day of Jany 1887

Calloway Brown
Notary Public.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 20th 1887

This Deed from James M. Matthews & wife to John M Wright, conveying interest in real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 25, 1887, at Amherst County, Virginia, D.B. 61/85 John M. Wright and James M. Matthews and Virginia E. Matthews and the Stilwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. of Dayton, Ohio, executed a deed of trust to P. L. Saunders as to the Liberty Roller Mill to secure the purchase price of the mill:

"This Deed of trust made this 25th day of May 1887 between J. M. Matthews and John M. Wright partners as Matthews and Wright, Stilwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. of Dayton Ohio, and T. J. Matthews trustee of the first part, and P. L. Saunders trustee of the second part, Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five dollars cash in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Matthews and Wright, Stillwell and Beirce Manufacturing Co. and T. J. Matthews trustee have granted, bargained sold and conveyed and do by these presents grant, sell, bargain, and convey unto P. L. Saunders and T. J. Matthews trustees, all that certain four-story brickmill known as the Liberty Roller Mill, situated in Liberty Va. and the lot of ground on which the same is situate, it being the same mill and lot of ground conveyed to T. J. Matthews trustee by James E. Tate, and W. C. Tate by deed of trust recorded in Bedford County Court Clerks Office Deed Book 59, and having been sold this day at public auction by said Trustee to Matthews & Wright; together with all the Buildings and appurtenances on said lot, together with all the machinery, fixtures, bins and spouting in said mill, including the engine and Boiler and all the fixtures thereto attached, and this deed, and the parties of the

first part do hereby convey unto P. L. Saunders and T. J. Matthews trustees the whole of said lot, buildings, machinery of every description, together with all the appurtenances thereto attached in trust nevertheless, to secure the payment to Matthews & Wright or their assigns the sum of Three thousand four hundred and seven and 50/100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the 25" of May 1887 till paid, and to secure the payment to Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. the sum of Four thousand six hundred and forty one and 17/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the 25" of May 1887 till paid and said P. L. Saunders and T. J. Matthews trustees shall hold said property hereby conveyed for the benefit of Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. according to the amounts of their respective debts principal and interest as above set forth, and according to the terms hereinafter set forth. And it is hereby agreed by and between the said Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co., that said trustees shall not sell said property hereby conveyed without the written consent of both Matthews & Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. and it is further agreed by and between the two last named parties and said trustee that Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. shall have the power and privilege of selling the property hereby conveyed privately, if both parties shall agree thereto, for such a price as the said Matthews and Wright and said Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. shall mutually assent to, and in the event that a private sale is effected, then said trustees shall convey said property hereby conveyed to the purchaser, upon the written direction of both Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. and it is further agreed that said property shall not be sold either publicly or privately, for a less amount than the aggregate amount principal and interest of the above two debts, without the written Assent of both Matthews and Wright, and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. and that said property shall not be sold either publicly or privately except as a whole. It is further agreed by said Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. that in the event said property shall not be sold on or before the first day of August 1887, that then the said Matthews and Wright and said Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. shall have the liberty upon agreement between themselves either to lease the said property hereby conveyed or to operate the same upon agreement, and upon such terms as they may agree on among themselves. And it is further agreed that whenever said property hereby conveyed shall be sold whether publicly or privately the whole amount of the proceeds arising from the sale of the whole property hereby conveyed shall be divided between Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. pro rata according to the amounts of their respective debts principal and interest as they are herein set forth.

And it is further agreed by and between said Matthews and Wright and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. that they will as soon as practicable insure the

property hereby conveyed in one or more good and reliable fire insurance companies, each party to pay their pro rata part of the premiums on such amount of insurance as they mutually agree upon, The object of this deed being to secure the debts above set forth and to secure the full payment of both of said debts out of the whole of said property, and the said Matthews and Wright, and said Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Co. do grant the property hereby conveyed with covenants of general warranty, and the said T. J. Matthews trustee doth grant the property hereby conveyed, to the said P. L. Saunders and T. J. Matthews trustees with covenants of special warranty, Witness the following signatures and seals this 25" day of May 1887

Witness	James M. Matthews
Wm R Bray	Virginia E. Matthews
Webster W. Serry	John M. Wright
as to Stilwell & B	Stilwell & Bierce Mfg Co
Mfg Co.	A N King Vice Prest & Treasr

State of North Carolina)
Surry County) S.S.

I William R. Bray a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, do certify that James M. Matthews whose name is signed to the foregoing writing and acknowledged the due execution of the foregiving deed of Trust, and I do certify that Virginia E. Matthews wife of the said James M. Matthews, and the said Virgin E. Matthews being by me privately examined separate and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of August, A.D. 1887.

Wm. R. Bray J.P.

State of North Carolina)
Surry County to wit:)

I H. C. Brown, a Notary Public for the County of Surry, in the State of North Carolina, do certify that Virginia E Matthews, the wife of James M Matthews, whose names are signed to the annexed writing, bearing date on the 25th day of May, 1887, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Virginia E. Matthews, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 5th day of Septr. 1887.

Henry C. Brown N.P.

State of North Carolina Surry County 5" Sept/87

I R S Folger Clerk of Superior Court for said County do certify that Henry C. Brown whose genuin signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same a Notary Public in and for said County dully qualified and commssioned

On testimnoy whereof I herento set my hand & official seal at offices inn Dobson the date above

R S Folger
Clerk of Superior Court

North Carolina) Superior Court
Surry County) 20th August 1887

I R. S. Folger Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that W. R. Bray whose genuin signature appeas to the forgoiing certificate is and was at the time of signing the sane and acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly qualified and commissioned and as such has full power to take the privy examination of femes covert

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Dobson

R. S. Folger Clerk
Superior Court

The State of Ohio, Montgomery County ss.

Before me Webster W. Sherry a Notary Public in and for said County & State, personally came The Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Co. by Rct. King its Vice President & Treasurer grantees in the foregoing Instrument & Trust deed and acknowledge the signing, sealing & Execution thereof to be the free act & deed of said Company, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and expressed. Witness my hand & notarial seal on this 29th day of August 1887

Webster W Sherry
Notary Public
Montgomery County Ohio

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit:

I, M. P. Burks a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do certify that John M. Wright, whose name is signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 25th day of May, 1887, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 9th day of September, 1887.

M. P. Burks N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 10th 1887.

This Deed of Trust from James M. Matthews & wife, John M. Wright and the Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company to P. L. Saunders and T. J. Matthews Trustees, for the benefit of Matthews & Wright and the Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company, conveying real estate and personal property, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 14, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/434 Callaway Brown and P. L. Saunders filed a lis pendens against J. M. Wright and J. M. Matthews with regard to a suit for debt:

"In the Circuit Court of Bedford County,
Callaway Brown and P.L. Saunders, Plaintiffs
against
Bank of Bedford, O.P. Bell, T. J. Matthews,
John R. Thurman, W. H. McGhee, J.M. Wright
G. T. Cauthorn, J W Thomas J.M. Matthews and
M. P. Burks Tr. Defendants

There is a suit in Chancery pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the name of the above mentioned Complainants against the above named defendants, one of the objects of which is to attach the real estate of the defendant J. M. Matthews and to subject the same to the payment of the plaintiffs debt in the bill mentioned the real estate, sought to be subjected of the defendant J M Matthews is situated in Liberty Virginia and consist of a house and lot on bridge street oposite the episcopal church in which T. J. Matthews now resides, and a vacant factory lot oposite said episcopal church and also the

interest of J M. Matthews in the Liberty rooler Mills and also an old stemery in the town of Liberty.

Given under my hand this the 14th day of Febry 1889

John M Speece
Clerk

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 14th, 1889, at Eleven O'Clock P.M.

This Lis Pendens in the name of Callaway Brown and P. L. Saunders against Bank of Bedford and others was produced in said Office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

This suit was dismised & the debt or claim satisfied.

Given under my hand & seal the 9th day April 1896.

Witness
C. C. Keith, D.C.

Calloway Brown for himself
& P L Saunders"

On February 15, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/436 John M. Wright sold his residence to Amanda Wright:

"Whereas by the will of Joel Wright decd, which was admitted to probate in the County Court of Bedford County on the 27th day of April 1875, and recorded in will book X page 267 the said Joel Wright bequeathed one half of his Estate, which consisted of personal estate, to Amanda Wright; and whereas John M. Wright was, by said will appointed Executor thereof, and qualified as such, without surety, none being required; and whereas assets of the estate, after payment of the indebtedness, amounting to a large sum, between Eight and nine thousand Dollars came to the hands of said Executor; and whereas the said Amanda Wright, by the terms of said will, was entitled to one half of said sum, with interest thereon from the time it should have been paid to her by said Executor; and whereas said John M. Wright, Executor as aforesaid has not paid to said Amanda Wright the said one half of the said sum and interest bequeathed to her as aforesaid = but has only paid her a portion thereof and is, as of this date, still indebted to her in the sum Six thousand two hunded and Eighty nine & 50/100 [missing line] this day until paid; and whereas the said John M. Wright has bargained and sold unto the said Amanda Wright the house and lot in the town of Liberty, hereinafter mentioned and described.

Now this deed made and entered into this 15th day of February 1889, by and between the said John M. Wright of the first part and the said Amanda Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand Dollars, part and parcel of the amount due and unpaid to the said Amanda Wright by the said John M. Wright, as aforesaid, the receipt of said sum of $4000. being hereby acknowledged, he the said John M. Wright doth, by these presents, grant and convey unto the said Amanda Wright a house and lot on Bridge Street near its intersection with Peaks Street in the town of Liberty, being the house and lot on which said John M. Wright now resides, which was formerly owned by J. T. Johnson, and being the same property which was conveyed to said John M. Wright by deed from L. D. Haymond Commr., recorded in Deed book Y.Y. page 450 the lot hereby conveyed being in said deed described as two lots.

To have and to hold to her the said Amanda Wright, her heirs &c forever with general warranty

Witness the following signature and seal

John M. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 15th, 1889.

This Deed from John M. Wright to Amanda Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said John M. Wright, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On February 15, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/437 John M. Wright and J. M. Mathews executed a deed of trust to secure Wm. H. McGhee as endorser of a note:

"This deed made this 15th day of Febuary 1889, between J. M. Wright and J. M. Mathews of the first port: and Callowy Brown of the second port: witnesseth: that wheras the Wm. H. McGhee is liable for, and is the endorser on a certain negotiable note, made by Mathews & Wright, for the sume of Fifteen hundred dollors, and whereas the said J. M. Wright and J. M. Mathews, who composed the firm of Mathews & Wright are desirous to secure the said W. H. McGhee, and save him harmless from any loss by reason of his endorsement of said note or any renewils of same,

Now therfore in consideration of the premises and of five dollars cash in hand paid, the said J. M. Wright and the said J. M. Mathews, who compose the firm of Mathews & Wright have granted, bargained & sold and do by these presents grant bargaim and sell unto the said Callaway Brown, all their right, title or interst in and to a certain mill, known as the Liberty Roller Mills, in Liberty Va, together with all their right title and interst in and to all the machinry, and fixturs therein of every kind and description, and also all their interst in & right to the lot of land of which said mill is situated, in trust nevertheless to indemnify and save hormless the said W. H. McGhee, by reason of his endorsement of the said note of Fifteen hudred dollers of said Mathews & Wright. And it shall be the duty of said trustee whenever called on by the said W. H. McGhee, if said note is not paid by said Mathews & Wright, to sell the property hereby conveyed, upon the fallowing terms, cash enough to pay costs of sale and recording & drawing this deed, and the residue upon six & twelve months time, taking negatiable notes well endorsed, retaining title for further security, and out of proceeds, indemify and reimburse the said W. H. McGhee for any sume or sums of money he may have to pay for the said Mathews & Wright by reason of his endorsement as afersaid And the grantors in this deed warrant generally the property hereby conveyed Witness the following signatures & seals this 15th day of Feb. 1889

Erasures made before signing

John M Wright
J. M. Matthews

State of Va Bedford Country S.S.

This day personally appeared before me P. L. Saunders, Commissioner in Chancery of Bedford Circuit Court, in my County & State aforesaid, John M Wright whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date the 15th day of February 1889 and acknowldged the same to be his act and deed Given under my hand this 15th day of February 1889

P. L. Saunders
Commissinr Chancry
of Bedford Circuit Court

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 15th, 1889, at Seven O'Clock and forty minutes, P.M.

This Deed of Trust from J. M. Wright and J. M. Matthews to Calloway Brown, Trustee, for the benefit of William H. McGhee, conveying real estate, was

produced in said Office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgement of the said J. M. Wright thereto annexed, admitted to record as to him.

Teste, Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, P. L. Saunders, Commissionr in Chancery of Bedford Circuit Court for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. M. Mathews, whose name is signed to the writing thereto annexed, bearing date on the 15th day of Febuary 1889, hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 12 day of March 1889.

P. L. Saunders Commissioner in
Chancery of Bedford Cicuit Court.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 12th, 1889.

This Deed of Trust from J. M. Wright and J. M. Matthews to Calloway Brown, Trustee, for the benefit of William H. McGhee, conveying real estate, was again produced in said Office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgement of the said J. M. Matthews thereto annexed, admitted to record as to him

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

On March 18, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/525 John M. Wright and James M. Mathews executed a deed of trust to P. L. Saunders to secure various debts due to the Bank of Bedford:

"This deed of trust made this 18th day of March 1889, by and between James M. Mathews and John M. Wright of the one part, and P. L. Saunders, trustee of the second part, Witnesseth: that whereas the said Mathews & Wright are justly indebtited to the Bank of Bedford on sundrey negotiable notes made by them and discounted by the said Bank, and whereas the said Mathews & Wright are desirous to pay as much of their indebitednes to the said Bank, as they can and they believe that their property herein after conveyed will bring a much larger price, if the purchaser is alowed to pay a part of the purchase price of the said property in the obligations of the said Bank, Now therefore in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Five dollars cash in hand paid by the said P. L. Saunders trustee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said J M Mathews, and the said John M. Wright, have bargained sold, and conveyed, and doth by these presents, bargain, sell and convey unto the said P. L. Saunders,

all of the following property, lying and being in the town of Liberty to-wit: All the interest that the said Mathews & Wright have in and to the Flouring Mill in Liberty Va. and known as the Liberty Roller Mills, it being the interest in said Mill as is set out in the deed between Mathews & Wright and Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company and all of their intrest in the manufactring busness of their said Mill said deed recorded in the clerks office of the County Court of Bedford, to which reference is had, said interest being subject to the deed of trust on the same in favor of W. H. McGhee recorded in said Office; and also that certain vacant factory lot, formerly occupied by the said Mathews & Wright for the purpose of manufacturing tobacco, and on which the factory of the said Mathews & Wright was burned, some time ago, also all that certain lot or parcel of land on the north side of the Rail road, known as the Old Stemmery, to-gether with all the buildings situated and being on the said lot, Yet upon this trust, that the said Saunders shall advertise the property hereby conveyed for the space of two months in and of the News-papers published in the town of Liberty Va and at the expiration of the said time, it shall be the duty of the said Saunders trustee to make sale of the property hereby conveyed upon the following terms to-wit cash in hand enough to pay for the costs of drawing and recording this deed and the tax thereon, and all the expenses of the said sale, and to the residue he shall receive from the purchaser in payment of the purchase money, certificates of deposit on the Bank of Bedford, at their face value, unless the purchaser shall elect to pay in cash for the said property, and after paying the said costs and the expenses of sale, he shall apply said certificates of deposit, or cash if the purchaser elects to pay in cash, so far as the same can be applied to-wards the payment of the debts aforesaid of the said Mathews & Wright to the said Bank of Bedford, and the said Mathews & Wright, do grant the property hereby conveyed with covenants of general warranty, and do covenant that they are lawfully seised of the same, that they have done no act to encumber the same, that they have a right to convey the same, that the said property is free from all encumbrances, that they will forever warrant and defend the title to the said property, against the claims of any and all persons what-so-ever. Witness the following signatures and seals this 18th day of March 1889.

James M. Matthews
John M. Wright

State of Virginia,)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. H. Quarles, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in said State, do certify that James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 18th day of March, A.D., 1889.

S. H. Quarles, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 18th, 1889.

This Deed of Trust from James M. Matthews and John M Wright to P. L Saunders, Trustee, for the benefit of the Bank of Bedford, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 5, 1892, Robert S. Quarles, as court trustee and receiver, filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2939, for an injunction against John M. Wright to prevent him as an insolvent debtor from transferring any interest he might have in $5,000 of life insurance proceeds payable by reason of the death of his son William A. Wright:

"To the Honorable John D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining showeth unto you Honor your orator, Robert S. Quarles, trustee and receiver, that on the 14th day of September, 1889, he recovered two judgments in this honorable Court as follows: one in the name of the Bank of Bedford, which sues for the benefit of Robert S. Quarles, receiver, against John M. Wright for $1269.04, with interest to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st day of April, 1889, until payment, and $9.03 costs, and the other in the name of the Bank of Bedford which sues for the benefit of Robert S. Quarles, receiver, against John M. Wright and J. E. Helms for $30,391.74, with like interest on $4001.02, a part thereof, from the 26th day of February, 1889, and on $3501.02, another part thereof, from the 2d day of March, 1889, and on $22,809.70, the residue thereof, from the 3rd day of April, 1889, until payment, and $38.73 costs, and that on the 7th day of June, 1890, he recovered another judgment in the same Court in the name of The Bank of Bedford which sues for the benefit of Robert S. Quarles, trustee and receiver, against John M. Wright for $4,000. with like interest thereon from the 26th day of March, 1889, until payment, and $12.03 costs, duly certified copies of which judgments marked respectively A, B, and C, are herwith filed, and prayed to be read as parts of this bill. That immediately thereafter, writs of fieri facias were sued out on each of said judgments and placed in the hands of the sheriff of Bedford County for levy, execution, and return according to law, that each of said

writs were returned by the sheriff with the endorsement "No effects" thereon; and that afterwards, towit, on the ____ day of January, 1892, further writs of fieri facias were sued out on each of said judgments and placed in the hands of the sheriff of Bedford County, for levy, execution and return according to law, and which are now in the hands of the sheriff for levy as aforesaid, and like writs of fieri facias on said judgments for $4,000. and $30,391.74 principal money respectively, were placed in the hands of the sergeant of the city of Lynchburg for like purpose on the 29th day of January, 1892, and are now in the hands of said sergeant, and your orator is advised that by reason of said writs of fieri facias, so issued and plced in the hands of said officers as aforesaid, there is a lien on all the personal estate and choses in action of the defendant, John M. Wright.

Your orator further represents that he is receiver of this honorable Court in the suit of Speece for &c. v. Bank of Bedford and others, and acting under decrees of this honorable Court made in said cause, and is authorized and directed to collect all choses in action of the said Bank of Bedford, by suit or otherwise as he may deem most judicious, and the judgments aforesaid and writs of fieri facias are for debts due by said John M. Wright to the said Bank of Bedford. A duly certified copy of the decree in said cause, conferring said authority upon your orator, is herewith filed marked D, and prayed to be read as a part of this bill.

Your orator further represents that William A. Wright, a son of the said John M. Wright, while residing in the state of Mississippi sometime during the year 1890 or 1891, effected insurance on his (said William A. Wright's) life in the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the city of New York, to the amount of Five Thousand dollars, evidenced by three policies or bonds in said Company; that some time after effecting such insurance, said William A. Wright, severed all business connection with the sate of Mississippi, and removed to the city of Memphis, in the state of Tennesee, and went into business at that place, and that for several months prior to the 25th of December, 1891, the said William A. Wright was engaged in business in the city of Memphis, in the state of Tennesee, and had neither residence, domicile nor business connections, so far as your orator has been informed, in the state of Mississippi; that some time between the 20th of December, 1891, and the 1st of January, 1892, the said William A. Wright left the city of Memphis, and returned to the home of his father, said John M. Wright, in the town of Bedford City, Virginia, and died at said town a few days after his arrival.

Your orator further represents that through the medium of his counsel he has made active efforts to ascertain whether the said William A. Wright had changed his domicil from the city of Memphis to the town of Bedford City, and to get some information from the members of the family as to the amount of the insurance, in what Company it was, and how or to whom the policies were payable, but he has

been wholly unable to get any information from them, and he was unable to learn from any of the family to whom he has applied in what Company said William A. Wright was insured, or how the policies were payable, but from information derived from others he has learned that the amounts of said policies or bonds on his life were Five thousand dollars; two for Two thousand dollars each, and one for One Thousand dollars, issued by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the City of New York, and payable to said William A. Wright, his executors, administrators, or assigns. From the circumstances under which said William A Wright returned to his home, being in the last stages of Consumption, your orator believes, and therefore charges, that when he left the city of Memphis for Bedford City, he changed his domicil to the town of Bedford City, and had no expectation or hope of ever returning to the city of Memphis, and that he expected to spend the residue of his life at the home of his father in Bedford City, Virginia, and so your orator charges that at the time of the death of said William A. Wright, he was domiciled in the town of Bedford City, Va.

Your orator further represents that the said William A. Wright was a young man, probably about twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, not married, and that the whole of his estate, including the policies of insurance or bonds aforesaid passed, under the statute of distributions of the state of Virginia, to his father as sole distributee, and that the writs of fieri facias are liens on said policies or the debts represented by them, and the distributive interest of the said John M. Wright in the estate of his son the said William A. Wright deceased and that said policies or debts and distributive interest should be subjected to the satisfaction pro tanto of said writs of fieri facias.

Your orator further represents, that he has been informed, believes, and therfore charges that, shortly after the death of said William A. Wright, one Oscar B. Barker, a brother-in-law of said William A. Wright, took the policies of insurance or bonds aforesaid, and either carried or sent them to the state of Mississippi, and there caused administration to be taken out on the estate of the said William A. Wright by one John P. Mayo, and that said John M. Wright and the brothers and sister of said William A. Wright, deceased, are seeking in the state of Mississippi to collect the insurance on the life of the said William A. Wright, and to have the same paid over to the brothers and sisters of the said William A. Wright, and thereby defeat your orator in the collection of the amount justly due him on said writs of fieri facias. Your orator charges that the said William A. Wright at the time of his death was not domiciled in the state of Mississippi, and that the administrator in the state of Mississippi, to whom said policies have been delivered, has no right to collect said policies of insurance. The facts hereinbefore set forth have but very recently come to the knwoledge of your orator, some of them only to-day, and, consequently, he has been unable to have any administration taken out on the estate of the said William A. Wright for the state of Virginia or the state of Tennesee. Your orator is advised that under

the laws of the state of Tennesee, the said John M. Wright is likewise sole distributee of the said W. A. Wright, if it shall be ascertained that the said William A. Wright was at the time of his death domiciled in the state of Tennesee, but so recently have the facts come to the knowledge of your orator, that he has been unable thus far to take any steps to have administration in the state of Tennesee

Your orator further represents, that in order to ascertain the estate of the said John M. Wright liable to his writs of fieri facias aforesaid, he propounded to him certain interrogatories and caused said John M. Wright to be examined before a Commissioner in Chancery of this honorable Court, a copy of which interrogatories and the answers thereto are herewith filed, Marked E, and prayed to be read as parts of this bill. From these interrogatires and the answers thereto, it will be readily seen by your Honor how little information he has been able to get from the said John M. Wright.

Your orator further represents that the said John M. Wright is utterly and notoriously insolvent & your Orator is very apprehensive that he will endeavor to transfer or assign his interest in the said policies of insurance in order to defeat you orator in recovering same upon his writs of fieri facias aforesaid, and that the steps already taken by the brothers and sisters of the said William A. Wright indicate that they will endeavor to collect said insurance through the medium of the administrator in Mississippi, and will thereby defeat your orator in collecting the amount of said insurance which is justly due him.

Your orator further represents, that he has caused notice to be served on the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the City of New York, setting forth briefly the claims of your orator, and warning said insurance Company not to make payment to said administrator in the state of Mississippi, nor to any other person save your orator. A copy of said notice is herewith filed, marked F, and prayed to be read as part of this bill.

Your orator further represents that the following persons are the brothers and sisters of the said William A. Wright, deceased, towit: John A. Wright, Estelle Barker, wife of Oscar B. Barker, Jennie Wright, Lizzie Wright, Lelia Wright and Tyree Wright, the last four of whom are infants under the age of twenty-one years.

In tender consideration, therefore, of the premises, and for as much as your orator is without adequate relief save in a court of equity, where matters of this kind are properly cognizable and relievable, he prays that the said John M. Wright, Oscar B. Barker and Estelle Barker his wife, John A. Wright, Jennie Wright, Lizzie Wright, Lelia Wright, Tyree Wright, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, be by proper process made parties defendants

to this bill, and waiving any answer under oath from the defendants or either of them, that the said John M. Wright be enjoined, inhibited and restrained from making any transfer, assignment, or other disposition of his interest in the insurance policies or bonds in the bill mentioned, that the said John M. Wright, John A. Wright, O. B. Barker and Estelle his wife be enjoined inhibited and restrained from collecting or receiving any portion of the insurance policies or bonds aforesaid, and that the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York be enjoined, inhibited, and restrained from paying the amounts of said policies or bonds either to the administrator in the state of Mississippi of the said William A. Wright, or to any of the defendants in this cause, that as soon as an administrator can be appointed in the state of Virginia for the said William A. Wright, you orator be allowed to amend his bill by making the same a party to this suit, and that such orders may be made in this cause as will ensure the collection of the amounts of said policies of insurance and the payment of the money on the writs of fieri facias aforesaid of your orator, and that if the said Oscar B. Barker or any of the defendants in this cause have the possession or control of said policies of insurance or bonds, that they be required to produce the same, and file them among the papers in this cause to be collected under order of this Court.

Grant unto your orator the Commonwealth's writ of summons commanding, &c., and all such further and other aid and relief in the premises as equity and good conscience may dictate and the nature of his case require, and as in duty bound, he will ever pray, &c.

Burks & Campbell p.q.

Ro. S. Quarles
Trustee & Receiver

State of Virginia, Bedford County, towit:

This day Robert S. Quarles, the complainant in the foregoing bill, made oath before me in my County aforesaid that the charges contained in the foregoing bill so far as made of his own knowledge, are true, and so far as made upon information derived from others, he believes the same to be true. Given under my hand this 5 day of February, 1892

M. P. Burks N.P.

Injunction granted according to the prayer of the bill to enjoin, inhibit and restrain the defendant, John M. Wright, from making any transfer, assignment, or other disposition of his interest in the insurance policies or bonds in the bill mentioned, and to enjoin said John M. Wright and the defendants John A. Wright and O. B. Barker and Estelle his wife from receiving any portion of the said insurance policies or bonds, and to enjoin the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the City

of New York from paying the amounts of said policies or bonds to the administrator in Mississippi of the estate of William A. Wright, or to any one of the defendants in this cause until the further order of this Court. And it appearing that the Complainant is a trustie & Receiver of the Court No Injuriction bond is required of him

To the Clerk of the Circuit) Wm. Gordon Robertson
Court of Bedford County) Judge Corporation Court
Feby 5/92) City of Roanoke."

From this record the family of John Mays Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: ____ (____) Wright

Children:
1) William A. Wright;
2) Estelle (Wright) Barker;
3) John A. Wright;
4) Jennie Wright;
5) Lizzie Wright;
6) Lelia Wright; and
7) Tyree Wright.

On February 6, 1892, in File 2939 John M. Wright gave his answer to various interrogatories posed by the plaintiff:

"1. When did your son, William A. Wright, remove from Columbus, Miss., and where did he go? With whom was he employed in Memphis, and how long did he remain there before he came home in December, 1891?

2. Did he write to you or any member of your family, or did he tell you or any one in your presence why he left Columbus, and what he was doing in Memphis, and how long he expected to stay in Memphis; if so, what did he say, what employment was he engaged in in Memphis, and why did he leave Memphis to come home?

3. When he came home, was he not in the last stages of Consumption, and did he ever expect to leave home again? Did he not come home with the expectation that he would never be able to return to Memphis, and in order to be with his friends and his family during the latter days of his life? Have you made any assignment, transfer, or disposition of any kind of your interest in the insurance on the life of your son, William A. Wright; if so, when, and to whom, and upon what consideration? and if you answer

that you have made such disposition and received a consideration therefor, what disposition have you made of the consideration?

4. State all you know about the circumstnaces attending your son's leaving Columbus, Miss., and also about his employment in Memphis and also about his coming home. Give full particulars as to everything he said or wrote which would tend to show why he left Mississippi and whether he expected to return there, and why he left Memphis, and whether he expected to return to Memphis.

5. What became of your interest int he firm of Newsom & Wright Is D. M. Newsom indebted to you in any sum; if so what? Have you any interest in the Warehouse now conducted by D. M. Newsom; if so, what is your interest.

6. Have you any money or debts due to you from any sources whatever; if so, what money and from whom due? Have you any personal property except what is exempt under the poor-law; if so, file a list with the Commissioner, and state where the property is."

1. My impression is, that it was about Oct. 1st, 1891. He went to Memphis. He was employed with J. S. Robertson, I think. I think he came home about the 25th or 26th of December, 1891.

2. He did not tell me, nor any member of my family that I know of, the reason why he left Columbus. I don't know that he ever told me, but he was in the drug business, I think. He wrote to me a few days before he left that he had the Grippe.

3. My impression is that he did expect to leave home again. I do not know whether he expected to return to Memphis or not. I have made no assignment; transfer, or disposition of my interest in the insurance.

4. I do not know why he left Columbus. I think he was in the Drug business in Memphis. He came home because I wrote to him to come; he had written to me that he had the Grippe. He did not write why he left Mississippi. He had been corresponding with parties in Columbus, I suppose, with a view to returning there. I saw a letter from a party in Columbus. I do not know whether he expected to return to Memphis.

5. I sold my interest in the firm of Newsom & Wright to my mother, two or three years ago. D. M. Newsom is not indebted to me in any sum, and I have no interest in the warehouse.

6. I have no money or debts due me of any kind. I think I have no personal property except what is exempt under the poor-law.

The foregoing are the true answers of J. M. Wright to interrogatories filed by R. S. Quarles Revers for Bank of Bedford this day filed, said Wright being first duly sworn Given under my hand this 6th day Feb, 1892.

P. L. Saunders Comr."

On February 6, 1892, the court entered its injunction in File 2939 against the defendants:

"Memorandum.

Injunction granted according to the prayer of the bill to enjoin inhibit and restrain the defendant John M. Wright from making any transfer, assignment, or other disposition of his interest in the insurance policies or bonds in the bill mentioned, and to enjoin said John M. Wright and the defendants John A. Wright, and O.B. Barker and Estelle his wife from receiving any portion of the said insurance policies or bonds, and to enjoin the Equitable Life Assurance Society of City New York from paying the amounts of said policies or bonds to the Administrator in Mississippi of the estate of William A. Wright, or to any one of the defendants in this cause until the further order of this Court. No bond is required of the Complainants.

Teste.
John M. Speece, Clerk.

Executed in the City of Lynchburg, Va. on the 6th day Febry 1892, by delivering a true copy of the within Summons to Oscar B. Barker and Estelle Barker

In Person.

R. W. Fariss Deputy for T. H. Johnson S.C.L."

On about September 19, 1892, O. B. Barker, Estelle Barker, and John A. Wright filed their answer to the complaint in File 2939 denying that William A. Wright had changed his residence from Columbus, Mississippi, or that the insurance policy proceeds were subject to the jurisdiction of the Virginia courts:

"The joint and several demurrer and answer of O.B. Barker and Estelle A. Barker, his wife, and John A. Wright, to a bill in chancery exhibited against them

and others in the Circuit court of Bedford county by Ro. S. Quarles, trustee and receiver.

These defendants say that the said bill is not sufficient in law.

And without waiving their said demurrer, for answer to said bill, or to so much thereof as they deem it necessary that they should answer, these respondents say:

I.

Of their own knowledge, they know nothing of the state of the indebtedness of their co-defendant, John M. Wright, to the plaintiff, and they therefore neither admit nor deny the allegations of the bill touching such indebtedness.

II.

They admit that Wm. A. Wright died, leaving insurance on his life to the amount of five thousand dollars, represented by three policies in the Equitable Assurance Society of New York, but they deny that their co- defendant, John M. Wright, or the plaintiff through him, has, or ever had, any interest whatsoever in the proceeds thereof, or any right to call for an account thereof.

While it is true that the said decedent died in Bedford county, in the state of Virginia, his domicil at the time of his death was in the state of Mississippi; in which latter state the policies were originally issued to him, and remained at the time of his death.

III.

Respondents submit the following facts, which, as they are advised, effectually debar as well this court from taking further cognizance of this cause, as the plaintiff from any right to any portion of the proceeds if said policies:

Early in the year 1891, while resident and domiciled in the state of Mississippi, the said Wm. A. Wright took out the said policies in the Equitable Assurance Society of New York, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, with its chief office in the city of New York, in the last named state. The said corporation however, by virtue of the statutes of Mississippi and the action of the said corporation in pursuance thereof, had a quasi-domicil in that state; the contracts of insurance were made through an agent of the company, resident in Mississippi; the policies were delivered there with reference to, and to be governed by, the laws of that state, which required payment to be made in that state.

The decedent being fully aware of the insolvent condition of his father, the said John M. Wright, then and now resident in Virginia, and knowing that under the laws of Virginia, his former home, his father would be his sole distributee, in case of his death intestate, took especial occasion to ascertain the laws of Mississippi on that subject before taking out such insurance. It was his fixed intention that his brothers and sisters should be the beneficiaries, except in case of his subsequent marriage.

Having ascertained that under the statutes of distribution of the state of Mississippi, his brothers and sisters would reap the benefit of this provision which he desired to make for them, in case of his death intestate and unmarried----intending to alter the policies, in case of marriage, so that his wife would be the beneficiary, which he could not do if the policies were made payable otherwise,----he accordingly had the policies made payable to himself. This subject was fully canvassed between himself and the agent of the company in Mississippi, at the time of his application for said insurance.

Some time afterwards, receiving an offer of a position as drug clerk in the city of Memphis, in the state of Tennessee, he left the state of Mississippi, and went to Memphis. The state of his health, however, and the contingencies naturally incident upon a removal to a strange city, made any such movement experimental and tentative, and he therefore went with the intention of remaining only in case he should find the climate suitable to his condition, and his environment otherwise agreeable and satisfactory. For this reason, his contract with his new employer expressly reserved to him the right to abrogate the same on short notice. And satisfied that the laws of Mississippi, where he regarded his home to be, would secure to his intended beneficiaries the proceeds of the policies, and mindful of the tentative character of his removal from that state, he did not take the policies with him, but left them with his previous employers, who had agreed, if practicable, to receive him again into their employment, in case he decided not to remain in Memphis. He gave the insurance company no notice of his removal, and notices of subsequent premiums due were sent to him, addressed, as formerly, to Columbus, Mississippi; the latter place having been designated as his home in his application for the insurance, and is so set forth on two face of the policies themselves. Three such notices, with the original envelope, dated Jan. 2, 1892, addressed to Wm. A. Wright, Columbus, Miss., are herewith filed, marked exhibit no. 101.

A brief stay in Memphis demonstrated that the climate did not accord with the delicate state of his health, and he soon applied to his former employers in Columbus to be reinstated with them. His malady rapidly developed however into an aggravated form of la grippe, and under advice of his physician, he decided to pay a visit to his father's family in Virginia, for a brief rest. He accordingly left Memphis on Dec. 25, 1891, for his father's home in Bedford City,

Virginia, reaching the latter place the next day. He contracted a deep cold on the route, which so aggravated his trouble that he died on the 30th day of the same month. There was no indication of fatal ilness when he left Memphis, and his visit to Virginia was not that of a dying man to end his days at his old home, as the bill alleges, but only for rest and recuperation, with the expectation of being soon restored to health. One of his letters filed, written a few days before he left Memphis shows this. In addition to this his statements to the members of his family corroborate it. While at his father's home before his death, he stated to the family that he expected to return to Mississippi as soon as he was well enough.

During the whole of this time, the three policies of insurance remained with his former employers in Columbus, Miss., and the same were never in Virginia until after his death. At the request of respondent John A. Wright, the policies were forwarded to the family in Virginia, and remained here only a few days; respondent O. B. Barker having taken them back to Mississippi on the 6th or 7th of January 1892, for the purpose of having administration taken out on the estate of the insured. Administration was shortly thereafter granted by the proper court of Mississippi to John P. Mayo, who qualified as administrator, and in whose possession said policies now are, and were at the time of the issuance of plaintiff's executions and of the bringing of this suit. The policies were only in the state of Virginia for a few days, and were taken back to Mississippi, as stated, long before the plaintiff's executions were issued, or this suit instituted. Suit has been brought on the policies in Mississippi, and a judgment recovered there against the Insurance Company on behalf of the Mississippi Administrator.

Respondents are advised that by the law of nations, and by the common law, and by the law of Virginia, an intestate's personal estate is distributable according to the laws of his domicil, regardless of the place of death. And that the courts of a foreign state will not undertake to administer the same, or take any jurisdiction whatsoever over the same, unless the subject itself be within its territorial jurisdiction. And that even in the latter case, where the foreign court finds the subject within its territorial grasp, it will administer the same, so far as the distribution is concerned, according to the law of the decedent's domicil.

Respondents are further advised that the fact that the policies were brought within the State, without the authority of any person having legal custody thereof, or the right to collect the same, and their remaining in this state for the brief period mentioned,--all of which was long before the plaintiff's executions were issued or this suit brought,-- does not give this court even the right to undertake to administer upon the proceeds thereof at all; and especially as the policies were in the hands of the Mississippi administrator at the time of the institution of this suit, and of the qualification of the Virginia administrator. Ancillary administration is only granted for the purpose indicated in the term itself, viz, of

assisting the domiciliary administrator where the latter himself cannot act by reason of his powers being limited to the territorial jurisdiction of the court from which he derives his authority. In this case, there is no necessity for ancillary administration, and certainly no reason why this court should undertake to interfere with the administration of the domiciliary administrator in whose hands the whole estate of the decedent is.

Under the laws of the State of Mississippi, the brothers and sisters of the decedent are his sole distributees. A copy of the statutes of distribution of that state is herewith filed as a part of this answer. The same is not authenticated according to the act of congress, but plaintiff's counsel has consented to admit the same as a true copy, as will appear by an endorsement thereon. Respondents are also advised that as this statute is construed by the supreme court of Mississippi (a construction by which this court is bound), all personal property, including choses in action, within the state of Mississippi, at the date of a decedent's death, passes and is distributable in accordance with the provisions of this statute, without reference to the domicil of the decedent. So that in either aspect, though the decedent's domicil had been elsewhere than in the state of Mississippi at the time of his death, yet the proceeds of these policies would have been distributable under the provisions of the Mississippi staute.

Respondents file herewith, as a part of their answer, a batch consisting of ____ letters from the decedent, written shortly before his death, and copies of letters to him from sundry parties, in response to letters from him, with reference to the question of his domicil, the batch being marked exhibit no. 100.

These letters, as respondents conceive, clearly show that his removal to Memphis was experimental only, and when taken in conection with the other circumstances already detailed, they conclusively establish the state of Mississippi as the domicil of the decedent at the time of his death.

Respondents therefore ask that the injunction heretofore granted in this case may be dissolved, the bill dismissed, and they be left to the collection and enjoyment of the proceeds of said policies, free from any further interference on the party of the plaintiff.

And having fully answered they pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs.

W. H. Lile, P. D.

O B Barker
Estelle A. Barker
Jno. A. Wright

Virginia, City of Lynchburg, to wit:-

I, J. McNally, a Notary Public in and for the city and state aforesaid, do certify that O. B. Barker and Estelle A. Barker his wife, this day personally appeared before me in my said city and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of September 1892.

J. McNally jr
Notary Public

Virginia, County of Henry, to wit:

I, J. P. Lewis, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, do certify that John A. Wright, whose name is signed to the foregoing answer, this day made oath before me in my said county, that the matters and things therein stated are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this 19" day of Sept. 1892.

J P Lewis
Notary Public."

In May 1894 the court in File 2939 found that the matter had been submitted for decision to the Mississippi court and the matter determined there.

"Speece For &c. vs. Bank of Bedford, &c.
And
Quarles, Trustee & Recr. vs. Wright
& Others

Note For Decree.
May Term, 1894.

For reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that these the causes be heard together, and

It being suggested to the Court that the complainant in the second named cause has departed this life, and it appearing from orders made in the first named cause that Charles A. Board has been substituted in the room and stead of said R. S. Quarles as Trustee and Receiver, on the motion of Charles A. Board it is ordered that the second named cause be revived and hereafter proceed in the name of Charles A Board, Trustee and Receiver. And it being further suggested in the second named cause that Wm. H. McGhee has qualified as administrator in Virginia of the personal estate of Wm. A. Wright, deceased, on motion of said complainant in the second named cause, and with the consent of said Wm. H.

McGhee, administrator of Wm. A. Wright, deceased, by M. P. Burks, his attorney, it is ordered that Wm. H. McGhee, administrator of Wm. A. Wright, deceased, be admitted a party defendant in the second named cause, with liberty file his answer if so advised, thereupon this day these two causes came on to be heard together upon the papers formerly read in each, and were argued by counse: On consideration whereof, and it being suggested to the Court in the second named cause that all matters of controversy in said second named cause have by agreement of parties been submitted to the decision of the Courts of Mississippi, and have since been decided by the Courts of Mississippi, the Court without now deciding any question in this cause doth adjudge, order and decree that the second named cause be referred to one of the Commissioners, with instructions to take, state, settle, and report to this Court the following accounts; First an account of the transactions of Wm. H. McGhee as administrator of Wm. A. Wright, deceased; and, Second, an account of all debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of said Wm. A. Wright, deceased and their relative priority, if any. But before taking said accounts, said Commissioner shall, in addition to the notice to the parties in the second named cause, post notice of the time and place of taking said accounts at the front door of the Counrt-house of Bedford County at least two weeks before the takin of said accounts, warning and requiring all creditors of said Wm. A. Wright, deceased, to produce and file before him at a time and place to be fixed by him, evidences of their debts agains said Wright.

On January 31, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 73/424 M. P. Burks, as substituted trustee for P. L. Saunders, sold a lot of land in Liberty under a deed of trust from John M. Wright and James M. Matthews to James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard, and Mary L. Elliott:

"Whereas, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright did by deed bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, convey unto one P. L. Saunders certain real estate described in said deed, amongst others a lot described as that certain vacant factory lot formerly occupied by the said Matthews & Wright for the purpose of manufacturing tobacco, and on which the factory of the said Matthews & Wright was burned some time ago"; And Whereas, by an order of the County Court of Bedford County made at its December Term, 1895, M. P. Burks was substituted as trustee in the room and stead of the said P. L. Saunders in the above mentioned deed; And Whereas, it was agreed between the grantors in said deed and C. A. Board, Trustee and Receiver of the assets of the Bank of Bedford, that the terms prescribed by the first mentioned deed of trust should be so modified as to allow said property to be advertised for such length of time and in such manner as to the said substituted trustee might seem judicious, and that the property should be sold for so much cash as might be necessary to pay the

expenses of sale and the incidental costs of executing the trust, and as to the residue, that credit should be allowed for such length of time as to the said sustituted trustee should seem best, not exceeding one, two and three years for equal instalments thereof, and that the deferred payments should be secured by bonds of the purchaser with good personal security, bearing interest from the day of sale and by a lien in some form upon the property sold; And Whereas, in pursuance of the said deed of trust and the agreement aforesaid, the said M. P. Burks substituted trustee, offered for sale at public auction on the 25th day of January, 1896, the lot or parcel of land hereinafter described, and at such sale James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott became the purchasers at the price of Three Hundred & Ten Dollars ($310.00) and have paid One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of the purchase money in cash and executed their bonds with surety for the deferred payments: Now, Therefore, this deed made this 31st day of January, 1896, between M. P. Burks, Trustee, as aforesaid, of the first part, and the said James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, of the second part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises the said M. P. Burks, Trustee, doth grant and convey unto the said James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard, and Mary L. Elliott, with special warranty, all of a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Bedford City, Virginia, on the north side of Bridge Street, at the corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets, and adjoining the poperty of Mrs. Ann R. Sale, and with metes and bounds, courses and distances following, to wit: Beginning at an iron stob in the ground near the southwestern corner of Dr. John W. Sale's medical office on the eastern edge of Bridge Street, and thence along Ann R. Sales line and palings S. 69 E. 8 poles to an iron stob in the corner of the paled fence, thence still with Ann R. Sale's line and palings S. 11-1/2 W. 3 poles and 9 links to an iron stob in the northern edge of Jackson Street, thence with the northern edge of said street N. 88 W. 9 poles and 8 links to an iron stob in or at the junction of Jackson and Bridge Streets, thence along the eastern edge of Bridge Street N. 22-1/4 E. 6 poles and 9 links to the first station. Witness the following signature and seal

M. P. Burks
substituted trustee

At Bedford County Court, February 4th, 1896.

This Deed from M. P. Burks, Trustee, to James W. Ballard, John D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said M. P. Burks, Trustee, and ordered to be recorded

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.50 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

After March 8, 1899, in File 2939 the court ordered the case stricken from the docket because all of the assets of the estate of William A. Wright had been paid out:

"Quarles, Receiver)
v) Note for decree
Wright's Adm & others)

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Wm. H. McGhee Admr. of Wm. A. Wright, decd. and the vouchers therewith filed to which report there is no exception and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm said report; and it appearing from said report and vouchers that the said Wm. H. McGhee has fully accounted for and paid over as directed by this Court the whole of the estate of Wm A. Wright which came into his hands as Administrator thereof, and it further appearing that all the objects for which this suit was instituted have been fully attained, it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket with liberty reserved to the parties respectively to apply hereafter on reasonable notice for any further or decree which may be necessary to carry out and give full force and effect to this, or any former order or decree made in this cause."

On May 9, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 77/385 M. P. Burks filed his report of sales under the deed of trust executed by James M. Matthews and John M. Wright:

"Report of Sale and Account of M. P. Burks, substituted trustee under a Deed of trust from Matthews & Wright to P. L. Saunders, Trustee, dated March 18, 1889.

By an order of the County Court of Bedford County made January 2, 1896, I was substituted as trustee in the foregoing deed of trust. The terms of sale were such that it was not believed that the property could be sold to advance, so the grantors and C. A. Board Trustee & Receiver of the assets of the Bank of Bedford entered into a written agreement dated December 5, 1895, by which the time and manner of advertizing the property was left to the discretion of the trustee, and the terms were changed to cash enough to pay costs and expenses, and the residue on credits not to exceed one two & three years for equal instalments thereof, which bonds were to have personal security and also be secured by a lien on the property sold. This Agreement is herewith returned as a part hereof. At the request of C. A. Board, Trustee and Receiver as aforesaid, I advertized, by hand-bills well posted and circulated, the old factory lot at the corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets Bedford City, Va. and on January 26, 1896, sold the same at public auction to James W. Ballard, Jno. D. Ballard and Mary L. Elliott, at the price of $310. The trms were $100. cash, and the balance in 8, 16 & 24 months, interest from date, secured by bonds with personal security

and a deed of trust on property sold. The purchase money is accounted for in the statement below. At the like request of C. A. Board, trustee and Receiver, I advertized the old Stemmery property in like manner, and on August 29, 1898, sold the same at public auction to Lucy J. McGhee at the price of $392. The terms were one fourth cash, and the balance in 6, 12 & 18 months for equal instalments thereof, to be secured by bonds with good personal security, bearing interest from date, and by a lien on the property sold She paid the cash-payment and gave bond with J. W. McGhee as surety. The cash-payment and first bond are accounted for in the statement below. The building and lot were first offered separately and then as a whole. The price offered for the property as a whole was the best and was accepted. The property had been twice sold for taxes and purchased by the State, and was delinquent for taxes for a number of other years. The amount due on these accounts could not be accurately ascertained and no one was willing to bid for the property subject to these charges, so it was finally determined and announced at the sale that the purchase-money would be applied as far as need be to redeem the land, and to pay all taxes that had accrued, State, County and corporation. Below will be found a statement of all collections and disbursements.

1896				
Jany 31	To cash payment of J. D. Ballard & Co.		$100.	
	By Coms @ 5%			15.50
	" paid John P. Goggin, Auctioneer			5.00
Feby 1	" " Thos N. Lee, surveying Factory lot			1.75
	" " S. H. Quarles taking acknowledg-ments to original deed trust			2.00
	By paid fee for deed to purchaser & deed of trust back			10.00
Feb 4	" " R. D. Buford Clk, fee & tax on deed of trust			1.50
March 7	" " Marsh Printing Co. for handbills			2.00
April 26	To amt of three bonds of			
	J. D. Ballard &c Int - prin	$210.00		
	Interest Jany 26/96 to Apl 26/96	3.15	213.15	
	By paid C. A. Board, Trustee & Receiver of Bank of Bedford			213.15
1898				
Augt. 30	To cash payment of Lucy J. McGhee	98.		
	By Coms on $392.00 @ 5 & 2%			16.84
	" fee for drawing deed to purchaser	5.		
Sept 17	" paid Bedford Democrat for handbills			2.
Nov. 29	" " S. H. Price taxes on Stemmery for 1897 & costs			16.45

1899				
March 29	To cash of Lucy J. McGhee			
	Amt of her 1st bond	$98.		
	Int Aug 30/98 to Mch 29/99	3.43	101.43	
May 5	By paid R. D. Buford to redeem from two delinquent sales & for delinquent taxes		161.07	
6	" paid D. W. Garrett Sergt. Redemptions & all taxes to & including 1898			105.40
	" S. H. Price, Treas'r., State & Co taxes 1898			16.45
	" L. L. Brown, Auctioneer, selling Stemmery			5.
	" Nelson Sale, Com'r. settling this account			1.50
	" R. D. Buford, Clerk, recording this &c			2.
	To cash of C. A. Board, Rec'r Bank of Bedford, to pay taxes &c		70.03	
			$582.61	$582.61

I do certify that the foregoing account of M. P. Burks, Trustee, was this day laid before me and that all the items were supported by proper and satisfactory vouchers. Given under my hand this 9th day of May 1899.

N. Sale
Commr. of Accounts

Whereas, James M. Matthews and John M. Wright, by deed bearing date on the 18th day of March, 1889, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court in Deed Book No. 62, page 525, conveyed unto one, P. L. Saunders, Trustee, certain property mentioned and described in said deed; and whereas it is provided in said deed of trust that the property shall be sold for cash enough in hand to pay the cost of drawing and recording the deed and the expenses of sale, and as to the residue, said trustee shall receive from the purchaser in payment of the purchase money certificates of deposit of the Bank of Bedford, at their face value, unless the purchaser shall elect to pay in cash for said property, and directing how the money or certificates of deposit received on said sale shall be disposed of; and whereas the said deed provides that the property shall be advertised for the space of two months in one of the newspapers published in the town of Liberty, Virginia; and whereas it is deemed advisable to sell said property on other and different terms, so as not to encumber the sale with any question of certificates of Deposit of the Bank of

Bedford: Now, Therefore, this Agreement made and entered into this 15th day of December, 1895 between the said John M. Wright and James M. Matthews of the first part, and C. A. Board, Trustee, and Receiver, of the assets of the Bank of Bedford, and representing the creditors of said Bank, of the other part, Witnesseth: That it hath been agreed between the parties hereto, that the said property shall be sold for so much cash as is necessary to pay the expenses of sale and the incidental cost of executing the trust declared by said deed, and as to the residue, credits shall be allowed for such length of time as to the trustee who shall be substituted in the place of P. L. Saunders, Trustee, shall seem best, not exceeding one, two and three years for equal instalments thereof, and that the deferred payments shall be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security, bearing interest from day of sale, and by a lien in some form on the property sold, and the said substituted trustee is authorized to make sale of said property after advertising the time, place and terms thereof in such manner and for such length of time as he shall deem judicious. Given under our hands this 15th day of December, 1895.

J. M. Matthews
J. M. Wright
C. A. Board, Recv
Bank Bedford

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 9th, 1899.

This Inventory and Account of sale of the property of Matthews & Wright made by M. P. Burks, Trustee, under a deed of trust made by them, with the Agreement therein referred to and the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of said court annexed, was this day delivered to the Clerk of said Court, and admitted to record.

(Fee $2.00 Pd.) Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

Tombstone Inscriptions Of Bedford County, Virginia, compiled by Mrs. Hamilton A. West and Mrs. George P. Parker, listed the tombstone of John Mays Wright in Longwood Cemetery and his birth date on September 19, 1836, and his death on March 6, 1901, and the tombstone of Lelia Johnson, wife of John Mays Wright, in the same cemetery and her birthdate on December 3, 1836, and her death on April 13, 1883.

Our Kin listed the following information for John Mays Wright:

"John Mays Wright, son of Joel and Amanda (Jordan) Wright, was born near Stewartsville, in Bedford County, Va., September 19, 1836, and died in South Boston, Va., March 6, 1901.

While still a young man he became associated with James M. Matthews, his brother-in-law, in the manufacture of tobacco at Stewartsville, and soon they both moved their families to Liberty, erected a large factory on the northeast corner of Bridge and Jackson Streets, and continued to manufacture the weed until the death of Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Wright then became a partner in the firm of Newsom and Wright, and conducted a warehouse for the sale of tobacco for a number of years, but finally moved his family to South Boston and established a hardware business.

He married, November 10, 1859, Lelia Otweannah Johnson, daughter of William and Lucinda (Robertson) Johnson (see Johnson family), who died soon after the birth of her youngest child. The care of his home and children then fell upon his aged mother, who had always lived with him. She was a gentle, refined, sweet-spirited Christian woman, and her loving ministrations will ever be cherished by her grandchildren."

Our Kin also stated that John Mays Wright and Lelia Otweannah (Johnson) Wright had the following children:

1) Estelle Amanda (Wright) Barker, born on September 14, 1860, at Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia;
2) John Ashby Wright, born on September 29, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia;
3) Robert Alexander Wright, born on May 2, 1865, and died in infancy;
4) Cora Alice Wright, born on April 29, 1866, and died in childhood;
5) William Alexander Wright, born on August 15, 1868;
6) Caroline Blanche Wright, born on March 17, 1871, and died in infancy;
7) Laura Virginia (Wright) Tolley, born on April 29, 1872;
8) Mary Elizabeth (Wright) Moose, born on September 29, 1874;
9) Lelia Johnson (Wright) Davis, born on July 20, 1877; and
10) Tyree Cornelius Wright, born on September 29, 1881, at Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia.

f. Jubel Wright

Jubel Wright was a son of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

As set forth above in connection with 1850 Tommey Wright, if the 1810 Bedford County Census listing for Thomas Wright was really Tommey Wright, then given the dates of birth that are known for James and Joel Wright, Jubel Wright would probably be one of the sons listed as aged 0 to 10 years of age. Those two sons were then listed as aged 16 to 25 in the 1820 Bedford County Census. These listings suggest a probable birth of Jubel Wright between 1800 and 1804. Since his father was residing in Bedford County at that time, his place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

Also as set forth above in connection with 1850 Tommey Wright, the listing in the Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, for Tommey Wright of two white males over the age of 16 on April 13, 1818, and three white males over 16 on March 22, 1819, indicates the attainment of age 16 by Jubal Wright and this places his date of birth between April 13, 1802, and March 22, 1803.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jubal Wright with the following household on May 23:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
May 23	Jubal Wright		1		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		.12

This record indicates that Jubel Wright was born before May 23, 1802, which, in conjunction with the Personal Property Tax records, would place his date of birth between April 13 and May 23, 1802.

On January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318, Jubel Wright was named as one of the sons of Tommey Wright agreeing to support his father, mother, and sister in exchange for certain land and property owned by his father and mother:

> "This Indenture made this 24th day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Tommy Wright and Syntha his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part, and James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein after mentioned, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver and confirm unto the said James, Joel & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns all the estate real and personal of every description of which they are possessed, or entitled to in law or equity consisting of the tract of land whereon they now live adjoining the lanes of John Wright and others, containing four hundred acres more or less and fifty acres of land adjoining thereto a part of Greers tract purchased of William Haynes for which a title has not yet been obtained, one negro girl slave named Silly, a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, & all the money due to the said Tommey Wright by bond note or open account. To have and to hold all the estate aforesaid real, and personal of every description with all and singular the appirtenances thereunto belonging, together with the rents, issues and profits of all and every part thereof unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever, and the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all the aforesaid estate real and personal Viz, Lands, slave, stock, plantation utensils, household and kitchen furniture, all debts due by bond, note, or open a/c and all & every other estate real or personal to which they are or may be entitled to in law or equity against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, unto the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright their heirs and assigns forever. In consideration of the aforesaid estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, the said James Wright, Joel Wright, and Jubel Wright bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally to provide at all times ample and comfortable support for the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife during each of their lives of articles of food, clothing and lodging in the houses they now dwell in, suitable to their age and condition, they also bind themselves to provide for their sister Nancy Wright a like ample and comfortable support who is to live in the houses aforesaid with her father & mother so long as

she remains a single woman and they further bind themselves to find horses and saddles for the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife their father and mother to ride to meetings &c. during each of their lives, and also find a horse and saddle for their sister Nancy for the the like purposes, so long as she remains single and resides with her father and mother, they further bind themselves to pay to their sister Nancy Wright such sum of money as will make her equal in advance to those of the said Tommey Wrights children who have married and left him the payment to be made at such time as she may need or require the same to be done. And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia currency; for the true and faithful performance of the covenants and agreements aforesaid the said James Wright, Joel Wright & Jubel Wright, bind themselves their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally as aforesaid

In Witness whereof the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife of the one part & the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of the other part, hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first herein before written

Tommey Wright
Synthia X Wright
James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

Bedford County To Witt:

We William Shrewsbury and Lawrence McGeorge magistrates of said County do hereby Certify that Tommey Wright and Synthia Wright his wife parties to the annexed conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 24th January 1824 and desired us to certify the said conveyance to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded, and we do further certify that Synthia Wright wife of Tommey Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright, bearing date the 24th January 1824 and hereto annexed personally appeared before in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and

declared she willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th January 1824

Wm. Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of May 1824. This Deed of Covenant was certified as to Tommey Wright and Synthia his wife by two justices of the peace and acknowledged by James, Joel & Jubal Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe CBC"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James, Joel, and Jubal Wright with the following household on May 6:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
May 6	Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	3	8		2.37

On June 10, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/103 James Wright sold his interest in the property of Deed 18/318 to Jubel and Joel Wright:

"This Indenture made this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between James Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part and Joel Wright & Jubal Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth That whereas Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife in the early part of the present year entered into a deed of covenant with the said James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright by which deed the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife conveyed to the said James, Joel & Jubal all their real and personal estate therein mentioned which deed has been duly acknowledged, certified and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, and the said James Joel and Jubal in the same deed of covenant bound themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators to perform the covenants and agreements on their respective parts in the said deed mentioned and the said James Wright having sold to the said Joel Wright and Jubal Wright all his right, title, interest and claim in and to the real & personal estate conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife, And the said Joel & Jubal having undertaken and agreed to perform the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed mentioned and discharge the

said James from the performance of the same or any part thereof. Now that Indenture Witnesseth that the said James Wright for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said James Wright hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell deliver & confirm unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and claim which he hath in law or equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife by the aforesaid deed. To have and to hold unto the said Joel right and Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever all the right, title interest and claim in law or equity of him the said James Wright in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the aforesaid deed from the said Tommy Wright & Cynthia his wife to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever. And the said James Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all his right, title, interest and claim to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the deed aforesaid from the said Tommey Wright & Cynthia his wife unto the said Joel & Jubal Wright their heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of him the said James Wright his heirs, executors and administrators and against the claims and demand of all persons claiming under him, and the said Joel Wright & Jubal Wright do by these presents bind themselves jointly and severally their and each of their heirs executors and administrators to perform all the covenants and agreements in the aforesaid deed of covenant mentioned and forever discharge and exonerate the said James Wright from the performance of the same or any part thereof In Witness whereof the parties hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first herein before first written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
Henry H. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

James Wright
Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of January 1825. This deed was acknowledged in Court by all the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ja. Steptoe Clk.B.C"

On January 29, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Jubal Wright and Joel Wright executed a promissory note for $100 payable to Little Bery Williamson:

"twelve months after date we or eather of us do promise to pay to little Bery Williamson the some of one hundred dollars for value of him Received as witness our hands and seals this 29t of January 1825

Test — Joel Wright
Joseph Patterson — Jubal Wright

I assign the within note to H P Winson for value received this 24 May 1824(?)

L B Winson"

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel and Jubal Wright with the following household on April 16:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
April 16	Joel & Jubal Wright	2	7		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		1.78

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.
Do	"	206	On the same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the build-ings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.61	1.45	
16W	2.00		412.00	.29	

On about October 3, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Jubal Wright filed a complaint against Littleberry Williamson for the sale to him of an unsound horse:

"Bedford County to wit

Jubal Wright complains of Littleberry Williamson in custody &c. of a plea of trespass on the case for this that the said plaintiff on the __ day of ____ in the year __ at the parish of ____ and County aforesaid bargained with the said defendant to exchange with the said defendant a certain gelding of the said plaintiff for a certain stud horse of the said defendant; and the said defendant then & there well knowing the said stud horse of said defendant to be disordered and to have a certain disease or disorder called ____ and unsound and not fit for use then & there falsely & fraudulently exchanged the stud horse of him the said defendant with him the said plaintiff for the said gelding of the said plaintiff and a large sum of money to wit the sum of $__ then & there paid by the said plaintiff to the said defendant; which said stud horse of the said defendant at the time of the said exchange thereof was disordered and had a certain disease or disorder called ____ and was unsound and not fit for use, and hath from thence hitherto so remained & continued, and still doth so remain & continue; and so the said plaintiff saith that the said defendant on the said __ day of ____ in the year aforesaid at the parish & County aforesaid, falsely and fraudulently from the said plaintiff to wit; at the parish and County aforesaid.

And whereas the said plaintiff on the __ day of ____ aforesaid at the parish and County aforesaid bargained with the said defendant to exchange with the said defendant a certain gelding of the said plaintiff for a certain stud horse of the said defendant, and the said defendant then & there well knowing the said stud horse of him of the said defendant to be disordered and unsound and not fit for use, by then & there falsely & fraudulently warranting the said stud horse of them the said defendant to be sound, then & there falsely & fraudulently exchange the said stud horse of him the said defendant with him the said plaintiff for the said gelding of the said plaintiff and a large sum of money to wit, the sum of $__ then & there paid by the said plaintiff to the said defendant; which said stud horse of the said defendant at the time of the warranty and exchange thereof was disordered and unsound and not fit for use and hath from there hitherto so remained & continued, and still doth so remain & continue. Whereupon the said plaintiff saith that he is injured and hath sustained damage to the value of $500.00 and therefore he sues

Mennis Plf"

On October 3, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Littlebury Williamson to answer the complaint of Jubal Wright for the sale to him of an unsound horse:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting we command you to take Littlebury Williamson if he be found within your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4" monday in November next to answer Jubal Wright of a plea of Trespass on the Case damage Five hundred dollars, And have then there this writ witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 3rd day of October 1825 In the 50th Year of our Foundation
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> Jn Steptoe"

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jubel Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c	Amot of Tax $ Cts
	Jubel Wright	1		1		.12

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land	Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on beaver dam Cr.	17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
Do	"	56	on beaver dam Cr.	16W	2.00		112.00	.09	

On about April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Henry P. Williamson, as assignee of Little Berry Williamson, filed a complaint against Jubal Wright and Joel Wright for payment of a debt of $100:

"Bedford County sct

Henry P. Williamson assignee of Little Berry Williamson plaintiff complains of Joel Wright and Jubal Wright Defendants in custody &c of a plea that they render unto him the Sum of one hundred dollars with Interest from the 29th day of January 1826 which to him they owe and from him unjustly detain for this to wit that the sd Defendants on the 29th day of January 1825 by their certain writing obligatory signed with their proper hands and sealed with their Seals and to the court now here shewn the date whereof is the same day & year aforesaid promised and bound themselves to pay twelve months after the date thereof to the said Littleberry Williamson the aforesaid sum of $100 and afterwards to wit on the 24 day of May 1825 the said Littleberry Williamson by an endorsement in writing on the back thereof signed with his own hand for value recd assigned & transferred the said writing obligatory to the plaintiff of which assignment the said Defendants then and there had notice

Yet the plaintiff in fact avers that the Defendants nor neither of them the said sum of $100 or any part thereof at any time before the said assignment & notice to the said Littleberry Williamson did not pay neither have they or either of them paid the same or any part thereof to the plaintiff since but the same to do although often thereto requested have hitherto altogether refused & still do refuse by reason whereof right and action to the plaintiff has accrued to have and demand the said sum of $100 by reason of the Said assignment and the act of assembly in that case provided Wherefore he brings his suit

Gilman pq"

On April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Jubal Wright and Joel Wright to answer the complaint of Henry P. Williamson, as assignee of Little Berry Williamson, for payment of a debt of $100:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting we command you to take Joel Wright and Jubal Wright if they be found within your bailiwick and them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th monday in May next to answer H. P. otherwise called Henry P. Williamson assee: of Littleberry Williamson of a plea of debt for one hundred dollars with Interest thereon from 29" January 1826 til paid Damage ten dollars And have then there

this writ witness James C. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 3d day of April 1826 in the 50th Year of our Independence

J C Steptoe"

Sometime after April 3, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Jubal Wright, Joel Wright, and William Terry executed their surety bond to secure the appearance of Jubal Wright and Joel Wright in court to answer the complaint of Henry P. Williamson:

"Know all men by these presents, That we Joel Wright Jubal Wright and William Terry are held and firmly bound unto James Otey, sheriff of Bedford county, in the just and full sum of two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid to the said James Otey, as aforesaid, his certain attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors & administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this __ day of 1826.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas H. P. otherwise Called Henry P. Williamson assee of Littlebury Williamson hath sued out of the County Court of Bedford a writ of capias ad respondendum, against the body's of the above bound Joel Wright and Jubal Wright of a plea of debt which writ hath been duly executed. Now, if the above bound Joel Wright and Jubal Wright do and shall well and truly make their personal appearance before the Justices of the next County (May) Court, to be holden for the said County of Bedford then and there to answer the suit of the said Henry P. Williamson assee as aforesd and do not depart from thence without leave of the said court; then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and	)	Jubal Wright
delivered in the	)	Joel Wright
presence of	)	William Terry

We of the Jury find for the Plaintiff & assess the damage to fifteen dollars

A. B. Nichols"

On May 14, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Jubal Wright executed a promissory note for $30 payable to Isaac Hopkins:

"Dew Isaac Hopkins thirty Dollars to be paid the 25 of December Nenxt Good and Lawfull mony of virginia this the 14th of may 1826

Test Jubal Wright
James Nimmo
his X mark"

On about September 1, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Isaac Hopkins filed a complaint against Jubal Wright for a debt of $30:

"Bedford County, to wit; Isaac Hopkins Plaintiff, complains of Jubal Wright Defendant in custody, &c. of a plea that he render unto him the sum of $30. with Interest from the 1st Sept. 1826 which he owes to and from him unjustly detains For that the said defendant on the 14th day of May in the year of Christ 1826, at the parish of ____ and county aforesaid by his promissory note in signed with his own hand & proper name, the date whereof is as above set forth and now by the plaintiff to the court here shown, did promise and oblige himself to pay & acknowledge to be due unto the said plaintiff on the 1st of September 1826 the sum of Thirty dollars good and lawful money of Virginia and the plaintiff in fact avers that the said defendant the said sum of $30.00 did not pay according to the intent and effect of his said writing aforesaid although often thereto required. Whereby an action hath accrued to the said plaintiff, to have and demand thereon of the said defendant the said sum of $30.00 with Interest as aforesaid first above written. Nevertheless the said last mentioned sum the said defendant although often required hath not paid, but the same to pay hath hitherto and still doth refuse, to the damage of the plaintiff $20 wherefore he sues

Cook, P.Q."

On November 20, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Jubal Wright and Joel Wright to answer the complaint of Madison Pitzer, as assignee of John Etzler, for payment of a debt of $70:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting we command you to take Jubal Wright and Joel Wright if they be found within your bailiwick & them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th Monday in this month to answer Madison Pitzer assee of John Etzler of a plea of Debt for Seventy Dollars Damage Twenty Dollars and have then there this writ. Witness, James C. Steptoe Clerk aforesaid Court the 20" day of Novmr 1826. In in the 51st Year of our Independence.

J. C. Steptoe"

On about January 5, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Isaac Hopkins filed a complaint against Jubal Wright for payment of a debt of $30:

> "Bedford County, to wit, Isaac Hopkins Plaintiff, complains of Jubal Wright Defendant in custody, &c. of a plea that he render unto him the sum of $30 with Interest from 25th Decem. 1826 which he owes to and from him unjustly detains For that the said defendant on the 14th day of May in the year of Christ 1826, at the parish of ____ and county aforesaid, by his writing signed with his own hand & name with his, the date whereof is as above set forth and now by the plaintiff to the court here shown, did acknowledge himself to sd ____ unto the said plaintiff on the 25th of December 1826 the sum of Thirty dollars lawful money of Virginia and the plaintiff in fact avers that the said defendant the said sum of $30 did not pay according to the intent and effect of his said writing, although often thereto required. Whereby an action hath accrued to the said plaintiff, to have and demand thereon of the said defendant the said sum of $30. with Interest as aforesaid first above written. Nevertheless the said last mentioned sum the said defendant although often required hath not paid, but the same to pay hath hitherto and still doth refuse, to the damage of the plaintiff $20 wherefore he sues
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> Cook, P.Q."

On January 5, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Jubal Wright to answer the complaint of Isaac Hopkins for payment of a debt of $30:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford county, Greeting - we command you to take Jubal Wright if he be found within your bailiwick & him safely keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our county Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th monday in March next to answer Isaac Hopkins of a plea of Debt for Thirty Dollars with Interest thereon from the 1st September 1826. Damage Twenty Dollars And have then there this writ. Witness James C. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 5th day of Jany 1827. In the 51" year of our Independence
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> J. C. Steptoe"

On January 8, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/148 Jubal Wright executed a deed of trust to Henry Chambless to secure debts due to William W. Barker:

> "This Indenture made this 8th day of January 1827, between Jubal Wright of the county of Bedford of the first part, and Henry Chambless, of same county of the

second part, & William W. Barker of Washington county of the third part, witnesseth, that whereas the said Jubal Wright stands justly indebted to the said Wm W. Barker in the following sums, due by bond, bearing date with this Indenture & payable as follows, to wit, one bond for $70: payable six months after date, one other bond for $100 payable twelve months after date & one other bond for $25. payable eighteen months after dates and being & desirous to secure the payments thereof at the times they respectively fall due, and for & in the further consideration of one dollar, to him paid by the said Chambless, before the sealing & delivery of these presents, hath given, granted, bargained & sold, and by these presents, doth give, grant, bargain and sell unto him the said Henry Chambless, his heirs &c, the following property to wit, one certain tract or parcel of land, lying & being in county aforesaid, containing two hundred & six acres, and adjoining the lands of Joel Wright, Elizabeth Vannerson, and others, to have and to hold unto him the said Chambless, his heirs, exors & admrs the above sold land, together with all & singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining forever. Upon trust nevertheless, that if the said Jubal Wright shall make default in the payment of the above mentioned bonds, or either of them, at the times, they respectively fall due, it shall & may be lawful for the said Chambless or his Exors or admrs at the request of the said Wm W. Barker, or his assigns, sell the aforesaid tract of land, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to discharge the amount then due and the interest which may have thereon lawfully accrued; having first advertised the time & place of sale, at his own discretion; and out of the money arising from such sale in the first place pay & satisfy the costs of drawing & recording this deed, & the expense of carrying it into effect, then the debt or debts that may be due to the said Wm W. Barker, and the balance, if any, pay over to the said Wright, his heirs, exors, or admrs In testimony whereof the said Jubal Wright hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first written.

executed in the presence of
G. A. Wingfield

Jubal Wright

Bedford Clerks, Office Jany 8th 1827. The preceeding Indenture is acknowledged, in office, by the above named Jubal Wright, to be his act and deed, and is admitted to record.

Teste
J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

On January 10, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James Wright executed his surety bond to to secure the payment of any amount found to be due from Jubal Wright in a suit for debt by Isaac Hopkins:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum, that upon the 10th day of Jany in the year 1827 James Wright of the county of Bedford personally appeared before me Ro S White jr deputy sheriff for James Otey sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for Jubal Wright at the suit of Isaac Hopkins in an action of Debt now depending in the County court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said Jubal Wright shall be cast in the said suit, the said Jubal Wright will pay, and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said James Wright will do it for him

Given under my hand this 10th day of Jany 1827.

Ro. S White Jr

James Wright have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof have hereunto affixed hand and seal this 10th day of Jany 1827.

Jubal Wright
James Wright"

On February 3, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Jubal Wright and James Wright executed a promissory note for $35.12 1/2 payable to James West:

"three months after date we or eather of us do prommise to pay or cause to be paid unto James West the Just & full Sum of thirty five dollars 12½ cts for value of them Rcd as witness our hands & Seals this 3d day of febuary 1827

Test
William Bowles
Samuel West

Jubal Wright
James Wright

Decr 26th 1827 I asine the within note to George Gish for value Recd

test
Henry Lawrence"

James West

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	On beaver dam Cr
Do	"	54	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	250	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas Joel & Jubal Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Jas Joel & Jubal Wright	Bedford	400	on bever dam Cr
Do	"	56	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.62	252	1843.01	1.48	
16SW	2.00		112.00	.09	

On April 28, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 24/427. Jubal Wright sold to Joel Wright his interest in the property subject to the Support Agreement with his parents:

> "This Indenture made this 28th day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, between Joel Wright of the one part and Jubal Wright of the other part both of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth, that

whereas Thomas Wright and Cinthia his wife in the early part of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four entered into a deed of covenant with James Wright, Joel Wright and Jubal Wright by which deed the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia conveyed to the said James, Joel and Jubal all their real and personal estate therein mentioned, and the said James, Joel and Jubal in said deed bound themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators to perform the agreements and covenants therein mentioned & said deed has been duly acknowledged, certified and recorded in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford and James Wright by an Indenture made the 10th day of June, one thousand eight hundred & twenty four between James Wright of the one part and Joel and Jubal Wright of the other sold to the said Joel and Jubal for and in consideration specified in said Indenture, all his right, title, interest and claim which he had both in law and equity to all the real and personal estate convey by the aforesaid deed of covenant from the said Thomas Wright and Cinthia to the said James, Joel & Jubal and the said Joel and Jubal in the Indenture aforesaid discharged & exonerated the said James his heirs and assigns forever from the burthen and execution of the obligations contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant entered into by the said Thomas and Cinthia his wife of the one part and James, Joel and Jubal of the other part, and bound themselves their heirs &c to perform the agreements and covenants contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant entered into by the said Thomas Wright & Cinthia of the one part and James, Joel and Jubal of the other part. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Jubal Wright for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to him the said Jubal in hand paid (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, deliver and confirm unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever all the right title interest and claim which he hath both in law and equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the aforesaid deed of covenant from the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia unto the said James, Joel & Jubal Wright. To have and to hold unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest and claim both in law & equity of him the said Jubal Wright in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the deed of covenant from Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia. to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jubal Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend all his right title interest and claim which he hath in law and equity in and to all the estate real and personal conveyed by the deed aforesaid from the said Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia unto the said Joel Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims of him the said Jubal Wright his heirs executors and administrators and against the claims and demands of all persons claiming under him and the said Joel Wright doth by these presents bind himself his heirs executors and administrators to perform all the covenants and agreemements contained in the aforesaid deed of covenant from Thomas Wright and his wife Cinthia and forever discharge and exonerate

the said Jubal Wright his heirs executors and administrators from the performance of the same or part thereof. In Witness whereof the parties hereto have subscribed their names and set their seals this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and delivered in the presence of
James Wright
James Saunders
A. Otey

Joel Wright
Jubal Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of September 1828. The preceeding deed from Joel Wright to Jubal Wright, was produced in Court and proved by the oath of James Wright and Armstead Otey two subscribing Witnesses thereto. And afterward to Wit. Bedford Clerks office April 29th 1835. The same was further proved by the oath of James Saunders another subscribing Witness thereto and admitted to record

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

On about August 25, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers George Gish, assignee of James West, filed a complaint against Jubal Wright and James Wright for payment of the promissory note for $35.12 1/2:

"Bedford County, to wit

George Gish assee of James West plaintiff complains of Jubal Wright & James Wright defendants in custody &c. of a plea of debt that they render unto him thirty five Dollars & twelve & half cents which they owe to and from him unjustly detain &c For this that the defendants on the 3d day of february 1827 at the parish of ____ and in this county by their certain writing obligatory sealed with their seals & now to the court here shown (the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid) promised to pay to the said James West the said sum of thirty five dollars & twelve & a half cents for value received to be paid to the said James West three months after the date of the said writing obligatory afterward to wit on the 2_th day of december 1827 at the county & parish aforesaid all and every part of the said writing obligatory being then due and unpaid, the said James West, by an endorsement in writing on the back of the said writing obligatory his own proper name by his own hand being thereto subscribed, did for a valuable consideration, assign the said writing obligatory to the plaintiff, which said assignment is also to the Court here shown (dated the day & year last aforesaid)

& of which said assignment the defendants afterwards to wit, the day & year last aforesaid at the county & parish aforesaid then there had notice. The plaintiff avers that the said defendants the said sum of money or any part thereof three months after the date of the said writing obligatory or at any time before or afterwards did not pay either to the said James West before his assignment to the plaintiff and notice, nor have they paid the same or any part thereof to the plaintiff since but the same to pay or any part thereof (though often requested) either to the said James West before his said assignment to the plaintiff and notice, or to the plaintiff since they the said said defendants have hitherto wholly failed & refused and still fail & refuse to render the same. To the damage of plaintiff $20 and thereupon he brings suit &c

Jno. T. Sale p.q."

In the Support Agreement Amendment dated November 19, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/207 James and Joel Wright were referred to as the "surviving parties of the second part", suggesting that Jubel had died between April 28, 1828, and November 19, 1845.

There is no marriage bond for a Jubel Wright in Amherst, Bedford, or Franklin Counties, nor is there a listing for a Jubel Wright in any censuses from 1810 to 1850 for Bedford or Franklin Counties. There is, however, a listing in Hinshaw of a Jubal Wright as surety for the marriage bond of Eliza Jane Wright, daughter of Phebe, and Samuel H. Claytor dated June 22, 1849, which would be inconsistent with his death prior to 1845, as suggested by Bedford County Deed 32/207, if the same Jubel Wright were involved. However, the Jubal Wright of the surety bond was almost certainly 1872 Jubal J. Wright, the younger brother of Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor.

g. Nancy (Wright) Chapman, Her Husband Henry Harrison Chapman, And Her Descendants

Nancy (Wright) Chapman was a daughter of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County and Synthia (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3])

The Agreement dated January 24, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/318 listed Nancy Wright as one of the children of 1850 Tommey Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright:

". . . . In consideration of the aforesaid estate real and personal conveyed as aforesaid by the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife, the said James Wright, Joel Wright, and Jubel Wright bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally to provide at all times ample and comfortable support for the said Tommy Wright and his wife during each of their lives of articles of food, clothing and lodging in the houses they now dwell in, suitable to their age and condition, they also bind themselves to provide for their sister Nancy Wright a like ample and comfortable support who is to live in the houses aforesaid with her father & mother so long as she remains a single woman and they further bind themselves to find hourses and saddles for the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife their father and mother to ride to meetings &c, during each of their lives, and also find a horse and saddle for their sister Nancy for the like purposes, so long as she remains single and resides with her father and mother, they further bind themselves to pay to their sister Nancy Wright such sum of money as will make her equal in advance to those of the said Tommy Wrights children who have married and left him, the payment to be made at such time as she may need or require the same to be done. And they further bind themselves to pay within twelve months after the death of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife, to John Wright, Betsy Meador, Polly Mayse and Nancy Wright son and daughters of the said Tommy Wright and Synthia his wife each the sum of two hundred dollars Virginia Currency . . . ."

The marriage bond of Nancy Wright, daughter of Tommey, and Henry H. Chapman was dated on July 13, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jubel Wright as surety, and the consent and bond provided as follows:

"July the 12th 1824
To the Clerk of Bedford Court

Sir Please to Give Hennery H Chapman license to Mary My daughter Nancy

test) Tommey Wright
Jubal Wright)

Know all men by these presents that we Henry H Chapman and Jubal Wright are held and firmly bound unto James Pleasants Jr Esqr Governor or Chief magistrate of Virginia in the Just & full sum of one hundred & fifty dollars Current money for the true payment of which to the said Governor or his successers in Office for the use of the Commonweath We bind ourselves & each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly firmly by these presents Sealed & Dated this 13th day of July 1824

The Condition of the Above Obligation is such that Whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and Solemnised between the above bound Henry H. Chapman & Nancy Wright

Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void else remain in full force & Virtue

Signd & Seald before Henry H Chapman
Robert C. Mitchell Jubal Wright"

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a copy of Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 22/214 dated in approximately 1828 in which Henry H. Chapman was appointed administrator of the estate of Nathan Chapman:

"On the motion of Henry H. Chapman and John Deyerle [Deyerle crossed out] certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Nathan Chapman, dec'd who together with John Dent, John Deyerle, Gwer(?) B. Dunles(?), Peter Dent, Thomas Lancaster and Silus Tygconr(?) his securities, entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of $1500.00 conditioned as the court directs."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 23/108 dated June 28, 1830, which ordered the sale of the land of Nathan Chapman and allocation of the proceeds:

"Chapman vs. Chapman da(?) to In(?) Chy. The court doth appoint Henry H. Chapman Guardian at Letion(?) to James Chapman an infant defendant to defend his rights in this suit. And this day this cause came on to by consent of all the parties & heard on the Bill of the Plaintiff and answers of the Defendants & was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order, & decree that the entire tract of land in the Bill mentioned be sold at Public auction to the highest bidder (subject however to the widow's right of dower during her natural life in the thirds thereof as laid off for her) on a audit of one, two & three years. The purchaser giving bonds with approved security & a deed of Trust to secure the payment therefor. That the sale of said land be first advertised for three weeks at the Court House of this County, and at some half dozen other public places in the said county that the proceeds of said sale, after first paying all the expenses of this suit & the excution of this decree, be paid over as follows. to wit: Two ninths to the Plt(?) Nathan Chapman, Jr., one ninth to John Durly & wife, one ninth to Chloe Chapman, one ninth to James Chapman, one ninth to Jane Chapman, & the remaining three ninths to Leroy Jordan and that Elias James be, & he is hereby, appointed commissioner to

carry the foregoing decree into execution who is directed to convey said land to the purchaser by deed with special warranty & report his proceedings to this court in order to a final decree which is oredered & decreed accordingly.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Court house thereof on the 28th day of June 1830 & in the 54th Year of the Commonwealth.

Present
Pleasant M. Goggin
John L. Cobbs
Lewis Wingfield
Lodowick McDonald
Gents, Justices"

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed notes which stated that the 1830 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Henry Chapman with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	30-40	1	20-30
		2	0-5

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/194 dated September 15, 1830, in which Henry H. Chapman purchased the land formerly owned by Nathan Chapman:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of September in the year 1830 between Elias James Commissioner (appointed by an order of June Court 1830 to sell and convey the real estate of Nathaniel Chapman dec'd) of the one part & Henry H. Chapman of Botetourt County and State of Virginia of the other part, witnesseth that that the said commissioner Elias James for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred & thirty five dollar to the said commissioner in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained, sold & conveyed and by these presents doth grant, bargain & sell unto the said Henry H. Chapman, his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cates Creek (subject to the widow's right of dower in the thirds thereof as laid off for her) it being the tract of land whereon the late Nathaniel Chapman dec'd resided on supposed to contain 282 acres be the same more or less & adjoining the lands of Robert Nimo, Benj'm H. Bowles, James Mays, Dents, Board & Kasey, Elisha Bowles & perhaps others together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the said

tract of land with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Henry H Chapman, his heirs and assigns to them and their use forever. And the said Elias James, commissioner and his heirs doth agree and covenant with the said Henry H. Chapman his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend the title to the aforesaid tract or parcel of land (specified in said decree) as fare as is vested in the said Elias James, commissioner by said decree and none other. In witness whereof the said Elias James hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day and year first written.

Signed, Sealed & ackly'd in presents of — Elias James Commissioner

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of November 1832 This Indenture of bargain and sale between Elias James, commissioner of the first part and Henry H. Chapman of the other part for the purposes therein mentioned was exhibited into court and acknowledged by the said Elias James and ordered to be recorded.

teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/451 dated August 17, 1833, in which Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman and John S. Chapman and Nancy Chapman sold 17 acres of land to Benjamin Bowles:

"This Indenture made the 17th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, between Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife of Botetourt County and State of Virginia of the one part and Benjamin Bowles of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife for & in consideration of the sum of fifty too dollars & fifty cents current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Benjamin Bowles, the r't whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained & sold unto Benjamin Bowles one certain tract or parcel of land containing seventeen acres too roods, be the same more or less, lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cates Creek, being a part of the tract of land that late belonged to the estate of Nathaniel Chapman dec'd & bounded as follows. Beginning at his own & James Mayses corner white oak thence along Mayses line S85-1/2 E 37 poles to a red oak, thence off new lines S 28 E 44 poles to a small hickory, lorrel & hickory S 18-1/4 W 32 poles to a red oak corner to Nimmos thence along his line N 74-1/2 W 37-1/2 pol to white oak & red oak in the old line, thence along the same N 2 W 11 poles crossing a branch to a dead

tree, thence N 12-1/2 W 51-1/2 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the singular appertinances thereunto belonging unto the said Benjamin Bowles, his heirs or assigns forever & the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife for themselves, their heirs, and doth covenant and agree to warrant & defend the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Benjamin Bowles his heirs and assigns forever against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & year first written.

Signed, sealed &
acknl'd in presents of

Henry H. Chapman
Nancy A. Chapman
John S. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Botetourt County to wit

We, E. McClanhan & John W. Thompson, Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife, parties to a certain deed hereto annexed bearing date the 17th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be their act and deed & desired us to certify the same to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. We do hereby certify that Nancy Chapman wife of Henry H. Chapman & Nancy Chapman wife of John S. Chapman and parties to a certain deed bearing date the 17th August 1833 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands & having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them, the said Nancy Chapman & Nancy Chapman acknowledged the same to be their act and deed & declared that they had willingly signed, sealed & delivered the same & that they wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands & seals this 17th day of August 1833

E. McClanahan
Jno. W. Thompson

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of August 1833. This Indenture of bargain and sale from Henry H. Chapman and Nancy A. his wife and John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife to Benjamin Bowles for the

conveyance of real estate was exhibited into Court and together with the certificate thereon annexed ordered to be recorded.

teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/496 dated August 17, 1833, in which Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman and John S. Chapman and Nancy Chapman sold 66 acres of land to James Mays:

"This Indenture made the 17th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, between Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife of Botetourt County & State of Virginia of the one part & James Mays of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and forty two dollars currant money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the same James Mays at or before the sealing & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained & sold unto James Mays one certain tract or parcel of land containing Sixty six acres three roods & eight poles, be the same more or less, lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cates Creek, being a part of the tract of land that late belonged to the estate of Nathaniel Chapman, dec'd & bounded as follows. Beginning at Mays's old corner red oak stump, thence along his old line S 60 E 142 pos to a white oak on a road, thence along said road N 87-1/2 W 10 poles, S75 W 16 poles S 64 W 18-1/2 poles to a spanish oak on said road, off thence on a new line S 82-1/2 W 93 po to a spanish oak near a spring, thence newly down the branch S 68 W 17 po to a white oak on said branch S 25 W 10 po to a white oak & rock on said branch, thence off and along Nimmo's new line N 36-3/4 W 19-1/2 po to a red oak N 7-3/4 W 33 po to Bowles's corner red oak along his lines N 18-1/4 E 32 po to a small hickory & lorrel N 28 W 44 po to a red oak in Mays's old line, along his old line S 85-1/2 E 58 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the singular appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said James Mays his heirs or assigns forever. And the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife and John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife for themselves, their heirs, do doth covenant and agree to warrant and defend the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said James Mays, his heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever. In

witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first written.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in presence of

Henry H. Chapman
Nancy A. Chapman
John S. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Botetourt County to wit

We, E. McClanahan & Jno W. Thompson, justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman & Nancy his wife, parties to a certain deed hereto annexed bearing date the 17th day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desire us to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. We do hereby certify that Nancy Chapman wife of Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman wife of John S. Chapman, parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 17th August 1833 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them, the said Nancy Chapman & Nancy Chapman acknowledged the same to be their act and deed & declared that they had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that they wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 17th day of August 1833.

Elijah McClanahan
Jno. W. Thompson

At the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford the 10th day of October 1833

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Henry H. Chapman & Nancy A. Chapman his wife and John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife to James Mays for the conveyance of real estate was exhibited into the office and together with the certificates thereon endorsed & admitted to record.

teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/259 dated August 17, 1833, in which Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman and John S. Chapman and Nancy Chapman sold 17 acres of land to Robert Nimmo:

"This Indenture made the 17th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three between Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife, John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife of Botetourt County and State of Virginia of the one part and Robert Nimmore of the (County) of Bedford and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifty too dollars and twenty nine cents current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Robert Nimmo at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained and sold unto Robert Nimmo one certain tract or parcel of land containing seventeen acres, one rood and thirty three poles be the same more or less lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Cates Creek, being a part of the tract of land that late belonged to the estate of Nathaniel Chapman dec'd and bounded as follows. Beginning at an old corner poplar on a small branch thence along his old line N 44-1/4 W 34 poles to an old stump, thence N 2 W 58 poles to a white oke & Red oke in said line, thence off new lines S 74-1/2 E 37-1/2 poles to a red oak S 7-3/4 E 33 poles to a Red oke S 36-3/4 E 19-1/2 poles to a white oak and Rocks by branch, thence down said branch as it meanders S 25 W 6 poles S 37-1/2 W 20 poles S 75-1/2 W 12 poles to the Beginning. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the singular appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Robert Nimmo his heirs or assigns forever. And the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife and John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife for themselves their heirs and doth covenant and agree to warrant and defend the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all the appurtanances thereunto belonging unto the said Robert Nimmo his heirs and assigns forever against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witnesseth whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day and year first written.

In the presence of

Henry H. Chapman
Nancy Chapman
John S. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Botetourt County to wit

We Elijah McClanahan and John W. Thompson, Justices of the peace for the County aforeaid do hereby certify that Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife, parties to a certain deed hereto annexed bearing date the 17th day of August in the year 1833, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, and desired us to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. We do hereby certify that Nancy Chapman wife of Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman wife of John

S. Chapman parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 17th August 1833 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them, the said Nancy Chapman & Nancy Chapman acknowledged the same to be their act and deed & declared that they had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that they wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals the 17th day of August 1833

E. McClanahan
Jno. W. Thompson

Bedford Clerks Office September 16th 1834

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife and John S. Chapman and Nancy his wife to Robert Nimmo was produced in office and together with the certificate thereon endorsed admitted to record.

teste
R. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of a letter dated June 4, 1840, from Henry H. Chapman in regard to the pension for his mother Elizabeth Chapman:

"Roanoke County, Virginia
June the 4th 1840

Sir,

I R'd by the politeness of the Hon. R. Craig your official Reply to him touching the widow Elizabeth Chapman's pension papers, which you say have bin examined and placed on your files. You asque Information why he did not apply for a pentian under the act of March 18th, 1818. The reason was under that act the claimant had to make it appeare that his circumstances demanded that petiance which he refused to do, often saying when asqued his reasons for not applying that he would beg before he would take the step necessary to place him on the role as a pentioner. Also saying that it was a position that the government aught not to place a soldier of the Revolution in as the officers of Government well new that the soldiers had bin paid in Continental money which died on their hands not benefiting them anything but the liberties they enjoied. The only objection you say that prevents her being placed on the pention role at this time is the want of Identity. A Nathan Chapman, you say, does appeare on the Va. Role and that it will be required of the claimant to show that this soldier was her Dec'd husband. She can prove that there was a land pention issued for him and that a patent

also has bin ishued which patent is now in the hands of her husbands agent for which patent the heirs are now at law. The fact of this patents havin issued you may find by referring to the propper office. The fact is I now of no way to Identify the fact only by the fact as stated in her declaration: 1st his enlistment under Joshua Chafin and in the County of Amelia 2nd ly that his Sertificat was drawn by Foster 3rd ly that he was discharged at old Jamestown, and lastly that there has bin a patent Ishued in his name for the servicees alleged. Wee know of no Soldier living that was in the service with him. We therefore want you to take the trouble to Examine the propper office or offices an then say to us If It is or is not made out. If not give us all the Information and as defined as the duties of your office will alow. Wee are very confident that there is no other Nathan Chapman on the Va Role but the one In question.

J. L. Edwards
Pention Agent

Yours Respectfully,
Henry H. Chapman
for
Elizabeth Chapman"

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed notes which stated that the 1840 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Henry H. Chapman with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
2	40-50	1	30-40
1	5-10	1	10-15
2	0-5	2	5-10

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 28/356 dated August 14, 1840, in which Henry H. Chapman and Nancy Chapman sold 281 acres of land to Richard Anderson:

"This Indenture made this the 14th day of August 1840 by and between Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia of the first part & Richard Anderson of Bedford County & State aforesid of the second part. Witnesseth that the said Henry H. Chapman & Nancy his wife hath by these presents granted, bargained and sold unto Richard Anderson as aforesaid a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and known as a part of the tract formerly owned by Nathaniel Chapman deceased and sold by a decree of the County Court of Bedford and purchased by said Henry H. Chapman subject to widows dower. The boundaries of which are laid out and understood by the parties including the mansion house, also reserving to Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife one half an acre embracing

the old burying ground which reserve is to be deeded to the Jointee Methodist Church, bounded as follows by the lands of James Mayes, Robert Nimmo, William Nally, Elisha Bowles, John Board and John Dent containing two hundred and eighty one acres be the same more or less, for the sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand paid and secured by the land to be paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. The said Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife doth by these presents & for their heirs & assigns bargain and sell and do by these presents bargain & sell unto the said Richard Anderson and to his heirs and assigns the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all and every thereunto belonging subject as aforesaid to the widow's dower and burying ground, unto the said Richard Anderson his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife for theirselves their heirs, the said tract or parcel of land with all and singular thereto belonging against them and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever to said Richard Anderson his heirs and assigns, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents the date first above written as witness our hands and seals.

Henry H. Chapman
Nancy Chapman

Roanoke County to wit

We, G. W. Shanks and W. C. Bowyer, Justices of the peace in and for said County do hereby certify that Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife, parties to the annexed conveyance dated on this day personnally appeared before us in our said county and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and requested us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, Va. in order that the said may be recorded. And we further certify that Nancy, wife as aforesaid after having the said deed fully explained to her stated that she has willingly and of her own accord signed, sealed and delivered the same and wishes not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of August 1840

G. W. Shanks
W. C. Bowyer

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of August 1840 This Indenture of Bargain & Sale from Henry H. Chapman and Nancy his wife to Richard Anderson was produced in Court & together with the certificate thereto annexed, ordered to be recorded.

teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Henry H. Chapman with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Henry H. Chapman	57	Landlord	Virginia
Nancy Chapman	44		Virginia
Clay Chapman	18		Virginia
Paulina Chapman	20		Virginia
Thomas Chapman	12		Virginia
Josephus Chapman	10		Virginia
James Chapman	6		Virginia
Columbia L. V. Chapman	8		Virginia
Harrison Chapman	1		Virginia
H. Waugh	36		Virginia
Nancy Waugh	20		Virginia
John Brewster	45	____(?)	Massachusetts
William Laikland(?)	31	____(?)	Virginia
James Hea__(?)	25	carpenter	Virginia
Joseph Withers	36	school teacher	Virginia
Thomas Townley	45	cabinet maker	Virginia

This record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Chapman's date of birth was in about 1806 at Virginia and that Henry Chapman's date of birth was in about 1793 at Virginia.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a transcription of an application dated July 18, 1860, by Henry H. Chapman for the remaining balance due on his mother Elizabeth Chapman's pension:

"State of Virginia - Roanoke County

Be it Known that before me, P. H. Huff, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Henry H. Chapman and made oath in due form of law that he is the Administrator of Elizabeth Chapman the identical person who was a pensioner and is now dead, and to whom a pension certificate was issued which is herewith surrendered - that the deceased pensioner resided in the County of Roanoke in the State of Virginia for the space of Eighteen or twenty years before her death, and that previous thereto she resided in Bedford County, Virginia.

H. H. Chapman

Sworn to and subscribed the 18th day of July, 1860 before me

P. H. Huff J.P.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Henry H. Chapman, administrator of Elizabeth Chapman who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States do hereby constitute and appoint Andrew B. Johnston of the city of Richmond and State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive from the Agent of the United States for paying pensions at Richmond, Virginia the balance of said pension from the 4th day of March, 1859 to the 13th day of September, 1859 being the day of her death. Withess my hand and seal this 18th day of July, 1860.

Sealed & delivered
in presence of
Wm. M. Gilliam
Thos. J. Chapman

H. H. Chapman

State of Virginia

Roanoke County S.S. Be it Known that on the 18th day of July, 1860 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Henry H. Chapman, above named, and acknowledging the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year last above mentioned.

P. W. Huff J.P.

State of Virginia - Roanoke County S.S.

I, Frederick Johnston, Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that at a Court held in and for said County on the 16th day of July, 1860, satisfactory evidence was exhibited to said Court that Elizabeth Chapman was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the Untied States, at the rate of Eighty Dollars per annum, was a resident of said County and died therein on the 13th day of September 1859 leaving six children only, whose names are Henry H. Chapman, Nathan Chapman, James Chapman, Lydia Mitchell, Jane Burnett, and Mary Evans. And it appears from the records of this Court that administration upon the Estate of the said Elizabeth Chapman deceased was granted to Henry H. Chapman on the 19th day of March, 1860 in this Court. I also certify that Powell H. Huff is a Justice of the Peace in & for said County duly commissioned & qualified that he is legally authorized to act as such, and that

his signature, hereinbefore written are genuine. Given under my hand & the seal of the said Court the 18th day of July, 1860

F. Johnston C."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a photograph of the tombstone for Henry H. Chapman and Nancy (Wright) Chapman located at East Hill Cemetery, Roanoke County, Virginia, which listed the following:

"Henry H. Chapman
Born Oct'r 16th 1793
Died Oct'r 4th 1862

Nancy Chapman
Born Feb'y 21st 1807
Died Jan'y 24, 1863"

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a copy of an affidavit executed by Benjamin E. Chapman which stated in part as follows:

"A Chancery Suit was conducted in Circuit Court of Roanoke County for the purpose of administering the estate of Henry H. Chapman, deceased, under the short style of "Thomas J. Chapman v. Henry H. Chapman's heirs". The papers in this Chancery Suit being filed in Chancery File No. 382. The Bill of Complaint in this cause alleges, among other things, that Henry H. Chapman "died on the ___ day of October 1862". The record in this case indicates that Henry H. Chapman left at the time of his death the following seven children, towit: Henry Clay Chapman, Pauline C. Gray, F. J. Chapman, Columbia A. Chapman, Thomas J. Chapman, James W. Chapman and Orlanda C. Chapman."

DAR Application #417218 listed the birth date of Nancy (Wright) Chapman as 1807 and her death in 1863. Since Tommey Wright was residing in Bedford County at the time of her birth, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia. The birth date of Henry H. Chapman was given as 1793 and his death in 1862. The source given was Application #181551.

DAR Application #417218 also listed one child, Flavius Josephus Chapman, born 1839, died 1894, and married to Clementine Persinger Chapman.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a copy of an excerpt from A Brief History of the Chapman Family which stated as follows:

"Henry Harrison Chapman lived his early years in Bedford County. He and Nancy Wright of Bedford County were married on July 15, 1824. They had twelve children, seven of whom survived to adulthood. Sometime before 1830, Henry Harrison left Bedford County with his family and settled near Salem, Virginia. In 1847, Henry Harrison bought Hotel Salem on East Main Street in Salem, which continued to serve the public under family management until 1870. A prosperous man, he built a fine house, called Monterey, a block north-east of the Salem courthouse. It is still in use (1995) though no longer owned by family members. In a local census of slave holders made in 1861, Henry Harrison is listed as the owner of two slaves. Nothing is known about them, whether they wer field hands or house servants. So far as has been recorded, he was the only slave owner in the family.

One of his grandchildren remembered him as something of a scholar, - "Always with a book in his hand." He was a Mason, and in a phtograph of him as an older man he is holding a long-stemmed clay pipe. He died October 4, 1862; his wife Nancy died a few months later, January 24, 1863. They are buried in East Hill Cemetery in Salem, surrounded by their kin. . . . ."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a photograph of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman:

East Main tavern had several owners

(Editor's note: One of an occasional series of articles on Salem's 19th century hotels by the immediate past president of the Salem Historical Society, portions of which will be included in a forthcoming Salem history.)

By Norwood Middleton

Salem's first tavern to bear the name hotel was operating in 1818 — 16 years after the town was founded — and for nearly 90 years served the public at sites that are now at a busy East Main Street intersection.

The Salem Hotel originally stood on the north side of Roanoke (Main) Street and became a waystop on a well-traveled, dirt road. By 1822, buildings directly across the street, on the south side, were in use as a hotel annex.

Today the sites are at Main and Thompson Memorial Drive, the original hotel about in the middle of what is Thompson Drive itself, just west of a fast food restaurant, and the annex on the southeast corner on frontage extending eastward about 250 feet.

Charles Lynch Mitchell owned the tavern in July 1818 and had moved to Salem the year before from Liberty (Bedford). That July he sold it and an adjoining tract of 250 acres to Christopher Clark of Campbell County. Mitchell is the first recorded operator, and it is likely that he had it built.

"The tavern including all the houses appurtenant on both sides of the street at the east end of the Town of Salem," as the deed put it, was sold in May 1822 to Charles Green for $3,000. Twelve months later Green received $4,500 for the same property from George Hancock of Montgomery County. Included in the record for the first time were rights to pipe water to the hotel from a spring on the east slope of the

Henry Harrison Chapman and his wife, Nancy Wright Chapman.
Chapman was known as Prince of Hotel-Keepers

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In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Wright was a daughter of Tommy Wright and Cynthia (Mayse) Wright, was born on February 21, 1807, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Henry Harrison Chapman on July 15, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on January 24, 1863, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and was buried at East Hill Cemetery, Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, that Henry Harrison Chapman was born on October 16, 1793, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on October 14, 1862, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and was buried at East Hill Cemetery, Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman had the following children:

1) Whitfield H. Chapman, born on June 19, 1825,
2) Eveline H. Chapman, born on March 6, 1827,
3) Paulina C. (Chapman) Gray, born on June 27, 1829,
4) Henry Clay Chapman, born on November 17, 1831, at Roanoke County, Virginia,
5) Maria H. Chapman, born on April 7, 1834,
6) Thomas James Chapman, born on January 20, 1837,
7) Flavius Josephus Chapman, born on June 29, 1839,
8) Columbia A. L. V. (Chapman) Palmer, born about 1842,
9) Constantine C. Chapman, born on April 6, 1844,
10) Mary E. Chapman, born on July 4, 1846,
11) James W. Chapman, born on December 19, 1847,
12) Harrison Chapman, born 1848, and
13) Orlando B. Chapman, born on March 19, 1850.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman were the following:

1) Whitfield H. Chapman, born on June 19, 1825,
2) Eveline H. Chapman, born on March 6, 1827,
3) Paulina C. (Chapman) Gray, born on June 27, 1829, at Virginia,
4) Henry Clay Chapman, born on November 17, 1831, at Roanoke County, Virginia,

5) Maria H. Chapman, born on April 7, 1834,

6) Thomas James Chapman, born on January 20, 1837, at Virginia,

7) Flavius Josephus Chapman, born on June 29, 1839, at Virginia,

8) Columbia A. L. V. (Chapman) Palmer, born about 1842, at Virginia,

9) Constantine C. Chapman, born on April 6, 1844,

10) Mary E. Chapman, born on July 4, 1846,

11) James W. Chapman, born on December 19, 1847, at Virginia,

12) Harrison Chapman, born 1848 at Virginia, and

13) Orlando B. Chapman, born on March 19, 1850.

i. Whitfield H. Chapman

Whitfield H. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Whitfield H. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on June 19, 1825, and died on February 12, 1827.

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Eveline H. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Eveline H. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on March 6, 1827, and died on August 3, 1844.

iii. Paulina C. (Chapman) Gray And Her Husband Lafayette W. Gray

Paulina C. (Chapman) Gray was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Paulina Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and her age as 20 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1830.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Paulina C. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on June 27, 1829, married Lafayette W. Gray on February 23, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and died on May 26, 1908.

iv. Henry Clay Chapman, His Wife Susan J. (Deyerle) Wright, And His Descendants

Henry Clay Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Clay Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and his age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1832.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed notes which stated that the 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed H. C. Chapman with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Relationship
H. C. Chapman	W	M	45	
Susan C. Chapman	W	F	40	Wife
Charles Chapman	W	M	23	Son
Jennie Chapman	W	F	16	Daughter
Gusta Chapman	W	F	7	Daughter
Julia Chapman	W	F	4	Daughter
Ira Chapman	W	M	13	Son

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed a copy of an undated obituary for Henry Clay Chapman:

> "The sad news was brought to town yesterday afternoon that Clay Chapman had died in the morning at the home of his son, Charles, a few miles from town. It appears that he had gone out before breakfast to look after the cows and was

not missed until about 9 o'clock, when his daughters, becoming alarmed, commenced to search for him and an hour or so later found him lying on his side dead on the edge of a piece of woods. Near him was a young crow, which it is thought he had chased, and the exertion was too much for his heart, which was weak. Mr. Chapman was 63 years of age and leaves three grown daughters and two sons. He had just been appointed deputy marshal by United States Marshal Levi, and had sent on his bond only a few days ago. The burial will take place to-morrow morning between 10 and 11 o'clock on the Ben Deyerle farm, near Cave Spring, the remains going by way of Salem."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Henry Clay Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on November 17, 1831, at Roanoke County, Virginia, married Susan J. Deyerle on December 13, 1854, at Roanoke County, Virginia, died on June 4, 1894, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and was buried at Melody Acres Cemetery, that Susan J. (Deyerle) Chapman was born on March 11, 1835, died on July 27, 1884, at Franklin County, Virginia, and was buried at Melody Acres Cemetery, and that Henry Clay Chapman and Susan J. (Deyerle) Chapman had the following children:

1) Charles William Chapman, born in November 1856, at Virginia,
2) Benjamin Henry Chapman, born on September 27, 1859,
3) Jennie Lee Chapman, born in 1864,
4) Ira Deyerle Chapman, born on June 2, 1867, at Franklin County, Virginia,
5) _____ Chapman, a son, born on August 4, 1870,
6) Augusta Ann or P. Chapman, born in 1873, and
7) Julia Elizabeth Chapman, born in 1875 or 1876.

v. <u>Maria H. Chapman</u>

Maria H. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Maria H. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on April 7, 1834, and died in 1848.

iv. Thomas James Chapman

Thomas James Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1838.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed an excerpt from Salem: A Virginia Chronicle by Norwood C. Middleton which stated as follows:

> "The four-mile long convoy moved through New Castle and Catawba Tuesday night. Before daylight, a reconnoitering party from Salem encountered the raiders, resulting in the only known bloodshed among the town's citizens. Two versions of the circumstances are available:
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> From the Lynchburg Daily Virginian of December 22, 1863: "On Tuesday night, several of the citizens went out as scouts, and a few miles from town, one of them, Mr. Thomas Chapman, was ordered to surrender and not dismounting as quickly as they wished, was shot dead on the spot."
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> From jAverell's official report dted December 31, 1863: "A party of rebels, under Captain Chapman, reconnoitered our advance during the night, and all were captured except their leader, who, declining to surrender, was killed."
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> Thomas J. Chapman was 26 when he died, son of a prominent family headed by Henry H. and Nancy W. Chapman. He was born at the family home a block northeast of the courthouse at what is today "Monterey" and was graduated from Roanoke College."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas James Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on January 20, 1837, and died on December 16, 1863, in a skirmish with Union cavalry at Hanging Rock.

vii. Flavius Josephus Chapman, His Wife Clementine (Persinger) Chapman, And His Descendants

Flavius Josephus Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Josephus Chapman and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed and excerpt from Salem: A Virginia Chronicle by Norwood C. Middleton which stated as follows:

> "Private enterprise brought Salem its water works and electric lights, although both found their way into municipal ownership fairly soon after they went into operation.
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> Proposals for a water system that would free residents from dependence on wells and springs were advanced to the council in mid-1874, and conferences on them continued until May 1875, when a referendum to approve financing by bonds was held. Flavius Josephus Chapman, an entrepeneur in many phases of local development, won the contract in March 1876 on a 4-2 vote in which aldermen W. D. F. Duval, Zebulon Boon, William Karnes and John W. Hurt prevailed over the opposition of Robert McClelland and F. C. Burdett. The mayor, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, who ordinarily would vote only to break a tie, supported the contract award in his exercise of the proxy of Hurt, who was absent. Chapman's proposal was the only one under consideration, but the underlying cause for the split is not clear. A former mayor, James Chalmers, led spirited citizen opposition to the appropriation.
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> Chapman's contract price was $11,167. An astute and energetic planner, he seized upon a water works as a companion project to a resort hotel he was building at Johnston's Spring in West Salem. Grading of three lakes to serve as a reservoir went forward in the spring of 1876 at the same time the imposing Lake Spring Hotel was rising 50 to 100 yards to the east. The hotel opened in July, and the water system was accepted in December.
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> Pipes were to carry water throughtout the town from the 150,000 gallon reservoir, which a pump was to keep filled at the rate of 50,000 gallons a day from the Johnston Spring, and from the Roanoke River when the spring flow was inadequate. The water rate was $5 per year for five-member families; $1 per room for hotels and boarding houses; $10 for bar rooms; and $15 for restaurants with bar rooms.

Hardly had the system been formally accepted than problems developed at the reservoir, leading to a decision to retain part of a scheduled final payment to Chapman. Shortages occurred each of the following two summers, and at the height of the 1878 drought Chapman was notified to show cause why his contract should not be forfeited. He won a reprieve, but three years later when the reservoir fell to an intolerably low level, the council ordered the contract forfeited. Chapman's plea for reconsideration failed. The town built a dam across the river, made extensive equipment repairs, and took over operations.
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A series of fits and starts brought the newly invented telephone into use in Salem between the late 1880s and mid-1890s. This was at a time when the telegraph, having been used extensively during the war and by the railroads, was experiencing steady growth under Western Union.

As usual, F. J. "Joe" Chapman was looking ahead when, amid news of the magic of voices traveling over wires, he received permission from the town in 1877 to connect by telephone or telegraph his three hotels, the new Lake Spring Hotel in West Salem, the Central on the hill uptown, and his Roanoke Red Sulphur Spring resort in Catawba Valley. While this was a telegraph hookup, Chapman's telephone option was nine years ahead of the next franchise for a phone line.
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Other hotels were doing better, particularly those in the main business area. W. D. F. Duval, in 1871, replaced his aging frame Duval House on the crest of the Main Street hill with a three-story brick hotel that weathered two severe depressions before being sold in 1890 to the "Joe" Chapman family. The Chapmans had two or three good years at their renamed Lucerne before the financial setback from the fire at Lake Spring and the 1893 recession, as a result of which ownership reverted to Duval. Chapman had sold an East Main Street hotel bearing his name to Philip Reed in 1870; it became the Virginia House and entertained summer guests for some 30 years before falling into disrepair.
. . . .

Lake Spring by now had become something of a mecca since it was the only park in town. Its waters were flowing into some homes through pipelines constructed in 1876 by F. J. "Joe" Chapman at the same time he built the Lake Spring resort hotel on the site. After the hotel was destroyed by fire in 1892, ownership of the hotel grounds and of the spring-fed lakes, which were the very heart of the water supply, shifted from financially troubled Chapman to a New York building and loan association."

DAR Application #417218 stated that Flavius Josephus Chapman was born on June 29, 1839, married Clementine Persinger in 1865, and died in 1894 at Salem,

Roanoke County, Virginia, that Clementine (Persinger) Chapman was born on April 16, 1843, and died in 1928 at Roanoke, Virginia, and that they had the following child:

1) Clementine (Chapman) Hutchinson, born on June 10, 1877, at Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed and excerpt from A Brief History of the Chapman Family which stated as follows:

> "Henry Harrison's son, Flavius Josephus Chapman, is our ancestor. He was born June 29, 1839, in a house one mile west of Salem. His early shcooling was at the historic McCauley School House. When he was twelve years old he was apprenticed to The Beacon, the first newspaper published in Salem, and he became a compositor. After three or four years working at the newspaper, he took charge of his father's hotel, Hotel Salem, and after his father's death when Joe was twenty-three he continued to manage it.
>
> After the Civil War began, in April, 1861, the first unit of volunteers for the Confederate Army left Salem, bound for Lynchburg. Joe's older brother, Thomas, was a captain in the local militia or Home Guard. Joe was a private in the same unit, and so far as can be determined, he never saw any active duty. During the early years of the war, Salem was not in the path of military action and life was basically unchanged."

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Flavius Josephus Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on June 29, 1839, married Clementine Persinger on September 7, 1864, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and died on February 1, 1894, that Clementine (Persinger) Chapman was born on April 16, 1843, died on October 23, 1928, and was buried at Easthill Cemetery, Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that Flavius Josephus Wright and Clementine (Persinger) Wright had the following children:

1) James Henry or Harry Chapman, born on December 5, 1865, at Roanoke County, Virginia,

2) Nannie W. (Chapman) Shanks, born in about 1869,

3) Thomas Clay Chapman, born on December 2, 1870, at Roanoke County, Virginia,

4) Martha B. Chapman, born in March 1873,

5) Flavius Josephus Chapman, Jr., born on March 16, 1875,

6) Clementine D. Chapman, born on June 10, 1877, at Roanoke County, Virginia,

7) Willison Watts Chapman, born in July 1879, and

8) Emma or Emaline Chapman, born on August 17, 1881, at Roanoke County, Virginia.

viii. Columbia A. L. V. (Chapman) Palmer, Her Husband John Henry Palmer, And Her Descendants

Columbia A. L. V. (Chapman) Palmer was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Columbia L. V. Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Columbia A. L. V. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born in about 1842 and married John Henry Palmer in 1864 at Roanoke County, Virginia, that John Henry Palmer was a doctor, and that Columbia A. L. V. (Chapman) Palmer and John Henry Palmer had the following children:

1) Annie (Palmer) Kolmer,

2) Mattie (Palmer) Fisher, and

3) Frank Palmer.

ix. Constantine C. Chapman

Constantine C. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Constantine C. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright)

Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on April 6, 1844, and died on July 6, 1844.

x. Mary E. Chapman

Mary E. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary E. Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on July 4, 1846, and died on June 21, 1847.

xi. James W. Chapman

James W. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed James Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that James W. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on December 19, 1847, and died on March 28, 1906.

xii. Harrison Chapman

Harrison Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Harrison Chapman in the Henry H. Chapman household and his age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Harrison Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman and was born in 1848.

xiii. Orlando B. Chapman, His Wife Hadassah B. (Johnston) Chapman, And His Descendants

Orlando B. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Tommey[3], Nancy[4])

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed notes which stated that the 1880 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Hadassa Chapman in the Lucy Johnson household with the following family:

Names	Color	Sex	Age
Hadassa Chapman	W	F	31
James Chapman			9
Earnest Chapman			6
Mary Chapman			2

In her letter dated October 27, 1998, Angela Brigman enclosed family group sheets which stated that Orlando B. Chapman was a son of Nancy (Wright) Chapman and Henry Harrison Chapman, was born on March 19, 1850, married Hadassah B. Johnston on August 19, 1870, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and died on October 1, 1879, that Hadassah B. (Johnston) Chapman was born in 1849, and that Orlando B. Chapman and Hadassah B. (Johnston) Chapman had the following children:

1) James Chapman, born in 1871,
2) Earnest Chapman, born in 1874, and
3) Mary Chapman, born in 1878.

2. Sarah (Wright) Wheeler And Her Husband William Wheeler

Sarah (Wright) Wheeler was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Sarah Wright and William Wheeler was dated on December 19, 1785, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Roland Wheeler as surety and the marriage on December 26, 1785:

"this is to Cartefy that I sary Wright is of eage and iss intended marrideg with William Wheler and this shall Be your worrent given under my hand this 19 of DecemBr 1785

test to mr Steptoe Clarke Sarah wright
Anderson Wheler
Ben James Wheler

Know all men by these Presents that We William Wheeler & Rowland Wheeler of Bedford County are held & firmly bound unto Patrick Henry Esquire Governor or chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money to which paiment well & truly to be made to the said Patrick Henry or to his Successors We bind ourselves and each of us, our & each of our Joint & Several Heirs Exors & Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals & dated this 19th day of Dec: 1785.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas there is a Marriage Shortly itnended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound William Wheeler & Sarah Wright. Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force & Virtue

Signed Seald. & ackd.) his
in presence of) Wm X Wheeler
Mark
Roland Wheeler

I do Certifie that the following Marriages was solemnized by me To wit September 29th 1786

. . . .
December 26th William Wheeler & Sarah Wright
. . . .

Nathaniel Shrewsbury"

If Sarah (Wright) Wheeler was at least 16 years old at the time of her marriage, her birth date would be probably before 1770. If she was the second child and Tommey Wright was born in 1763 or 1764, her birth date would be possibly in 1765 or 1766.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wheeler with the following household:

Name	Total Tithes	Whites Over 21	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16	Total Blacks
William Wheeler	-	-	-	-	-

Horses	Cattle
1	2

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Whealer with the following household on April 14:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Chargeable With Tax	Names of White Males Tithables Above 21	White Males Over 16 and Under 21
April 14	William Whealer	William Whealer	1

Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16	Horses Mares, Colts & Mules	Cattle
-	-	3	4

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Whealler with the following household on April 12:

Date of Recg Lists from Individuals	Persons Chargeable With Tax	Total Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Horses
April 12	William Whealler	1	-	3

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wheeler with the following household on April 27:

Date of Recg Lists from Individuals	Persons Chargeable With Tax	No. Of Tithes Whites & Blacks	Blacks Over 12	Horses
April 27	William Wheeler	1	-	3

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wheeler with the following household on March 16:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. Of Tithes Black & White	No.of Blacks Over 12	Horses, Mares & Cattle
March 16	William Wheeler	1	-	3

In her email dated February 9, 2002, Gaye M. Whitehead stated that the 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Kanawha County, Virginia, listed William Wheeler, along with Roland Wheeler and Roland Wheeler, Jr., but that the 1793 and 1794 Personal Property Tax Lists did not list William Wheeler. Since Roland Wheeler was surety on the William Wheeler marriage bond and William Wheeler did not appear in the 1791 or later Personal Property Tax Lists for Bedford County, Virginia, this 1792 listing in Kanawha County, Virginia, was probably for William Wheeler who married Sarah Wright.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Sarah as one of his children:

> " . . . . Secondly I do give to my daughter Sarah one negroe Girl named Rachel and ten pounds in property to be delivered to her whenever my wife thinks proper, ..."

In her email dated February 9, 2002, Gaye M. Whitehead stated that the 1810 Census for Jackson County, Tennessee, listed William Wheeler with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	26-45	1	26-45
4	0-10	2	0-10

As will be set forth below, William Wheeler and Sarah (Wright) Wheeler are known to have been in Jackson County, Tennessee, by September 25, 1810. This record indicates that Sarah (Wright) Wheeler and William Wheeler were born between 1765 and 1784.

On September 25, 1810, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/589 William Wheeler and his wife Sally of Jackson County, Tennessee, sold 59 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek to Anthony Wright:

> "This Indentur made the 25th day of September One Thousand Eight hundred & Ten Between William Wheeler & Sally his wife of the County of Jackson & State of Tennisee of the one part and Anthony Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Wheeler & Sally his wife for & in consideration of the sum of ninty pound Current money of Virginia have given granted bargained & sold unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs one certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Bedford on the South side of beaver Dam Creek & containing Fifty nine acres Begining on an Elm on James Johnsons mill pond and up the same as it meanders to the mouth of the meador branch, thence of through said Anderson's plantation West 58 Degrees West 46 poles to pointers ner his fence North 14 Degrees West 56 pole to a read oak by a path West 16 degrees East 18 poles to a persimon & Sasafras in the patent line, thence with the patent line West 88 degrees West 57 poles to a post oak South 12 Degrees East 128 poles to a small white oak bush South 75-1/2 degrees East 148 poles to the begining together with all its appurtenances. To have & to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs & the said William Wheeler & his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs will warrant & forever defend. In Witness whereof the said William Wheeler & Sally his wife have hereunto subscribed their names & affixed their seals the day & year above writen
>
> Signed Sealed &) William Wheeler
> Delivered in the) her
> presence of) Sally X Wheeler
> mark

At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of April 1811

This Indenture of bargain & Sale between William Wheeler & Sally his wife of the one part and Anthony Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said William Wheeler and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe, CBC

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Lampon Williams, Jonas Bedford, & Willeroy Pate Gent Justices of Jackson County State of Tennesse: Whereas William Wheeler & Sally his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain & Sale bearing date this 21st day of September have sold & conveyed unto Anthony Wright the fee Simple Estate of Fifty nine acres of land lying & being in the County of Bedford and whereas the said Sally cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County of Bedford to make acknowledgement of the same, therefore we give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive such acknowledgement as the said Sally shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed - And we do require you that you do personally go to the said Sally and examine her privily & apart from the said William Wheeler her husband whether she did willingly sign the said Indenture & doth now acknowledge the same without the threats or persuasions of the said William her husband & whether she be willing the said Indenture together with this acknowledgement should be recorded, in our said County & when you have received her acknowledgement and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly & openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your seals, sending them there the said Indenture this writ: Witness James Steptoe clerk of our said Court the 27th day of August 1811 In the 35th year of our Independence

J. Steptoe

At a Court for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of April 1811

This Commission was returned Executed & Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe, CBC

In pursuance to a commission to us directed from the County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia which said commission is hereunto annexed, we have proceeded as thereby directed & required to a privy examination of Sally Wheeler wife of William Wheeler seperate & apart from her said husband & do hereby certify that she freely & willingly signed & Sealed this Deed of conveyance & acknowledge the same before us, and that she is willing &

consents that this Indenture together with this acknowledgement should be made a record in the said County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia. Given under our hands & Seals this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1810

L. Williams
J. Bedford
Willeroy Pate"

Although the legal description is confused and there were apparently some copying errors in writing or recording the deed, it is nevertheless clear that William Wheeler and his wife Sarah "Sally" (Wright) Wheeler had moved to Jackson County, Tennessee, and were living there on September 25, 1810.

Index To The 1820 Census Of Tennessee, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, listed a William Wheeler in Jackson County, Tennessee, in 1820.

Tennessee 1830 Census Index, published by Accelerated Indexing Systems, listed a William Wheeler in Jackson County, Tennessee in 1830.

That 1830 Census listed William Wheeler, aged 60 to 70, and one female in his household, also aged 60 to 70. This listing indicates a date of birth for both William and Sarah of between 1760 and 1770.

1850 Census Tennessee, compiled by Byron and Barbara Sistler, listed no William Wheeler or Sarah Wheeler household in Jackson County, Tennessee, or of the appropriate age in any county, but in her letter dated July 1, 1987, Pat Spurlock Ford stated that the 1850 Census contained the following household:

#1186-641

Name	Age	Born
Wheler, Jos	34	Tennessee
Agness	23	Tennessee
Julia	16	Tennessee
Elija	14	Tennessee
Granville	10	Tennessee
Zeporah	4	Tennessee
Harrison	3	Tennessee
Aletha	1	Tennessee
William	85	Virginia

This listing is consistent with William Wheeler's date of birth and further research may confirm Joseph Wheeler as his son or grandson.

Tennessee Genealogical Research by George K. Schweitzer stated that many of the records of Jackson County, Tennessee, were destroyed in a fire in 1872 and, therefore, it may be difficult to trace this family further.

In her letter dated February 25, 1987, Mrs. Joe T. Cooke reviewed the information she had been able to locate on William Wheeler.

First, a William Wheeler was listed on the Tax Lists for Jackson County, Tennessee, for the period 1804 through 1811, the only surviving tax lists in the Archives.

Second, there were a number of land grants for William Wheeler in the Mountain District of Jackson County:

#9673, 75 acres, October 1, 1816, Book 6, page 537;

#9674, 25 acres, October 1, 1816, Book M, page 911;

#9762, 20 acres, December 13, 1816, Book 6, page 656;

#9763, 5 acres, December 13, 1816, Book 6, page 646;

#10182, 5 acres, June 17, 1817, Book 6, page 725;

#10214, 10 acres, June 21, 1817, Book 6, page 714;

#10749, 15 acres, September 8, 1817, Book 8, page 293;

#1987, 130 acres, August 13, 1825, Book 2, page 113; and

#2154, 100 acres, August 16, 1825, Book 2, page 284.

Third, Tennessee Records Of Jackson County Ranger Book 1817-1860, W.P.A., June, 1936, page 3, named William Wheeler in connection with the recording of marks identifying his cattle:

> "February 19th, 1818. Taken up by William Wheeler living on dry Fork of Flins Creek one Red Brindle steer white face white white on his ears marked with a swallow Fork in the right ear Three years olde posts appraised to six dollars by Thomas Brown and John Brown $6.00. Cow Transmitted 6:00."

Fourth, Mrs. Cooke found a deed for a Wheeler dated 1865 for the Wheeler farm described as "10 mi S.W. of Gainesboro, 4 mi. of Highway 53, up Any Form of Flynn's

Creek, 6 mi. N.E. of Granville, Tennessee," but it is not certain that this is the same family or farm as that mentioned in the Ranger Book. In her email dated June 10, 2002, Mary Lu Johnson stated that the legal description should read Dry Fork of Flynn's Creek, not Any Form, and, therefore, the same land is probably involved.

Fifth, no wills for Wheelers could be found for the period 1869 to 1900, no tombstone records listing a Wheeler could be found, and no listing of a William Wheeler could be found in the Minutes of Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1811-1935, Register of Church of Christ 1844-1936, Jackson County Miscellaneous Records, 1810-1909, or Bible Records of East Tennessee, Volumes 1 through 4.

However, the 1830 Census for Jackson County, Tennessee, listed the following Wheelers in addition to William Wheeler and one or more of these may be children of William and Sarah (Wright) Wheeler:

page 160:

Elijah Wheeler:	males		females	
	40-50	1	30-40	1
	15-20	3		
	10-15	3		

page 162:

Johnson Wheeler	males		females	
	20-30	1	20-30	1
	0- 5	1	0- 5	1

Elijah Wheeler	males		females	
	20-30	1	20-30	1
	0- 5	1	0- 5	1

Jabal Wheeler	males		females	
	30-40	1	20-30	1
	5-10	1	5-10	1
	0- 5	1	0- 5	4

John Wheeler	males		females	
	30-40	1	30-40	1
	10-15	2	0- 5	2
	5-10	2		
	0- 5	1		

3. 1850 Anthony Wright Of Bedford County, His Wives Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright And Catherine (St. Clair) (Wright) Wright, And His Descendants

1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Anthony Wright, son of John, and Elizabeth Mays was dated on December 18, 1789, at Bedford County, Virginia, with James Mays as surety, and the marriage performed by Nathaniel Shrewsbury on December 29, 1789:

"Sir,

I do hereby give my Consent ____ you should Issue License for the Inter____ of my Son Anthony with Elizabeth M____

Teste John Wr____
tommey Wright
William Nemore

Know all Men by these presents that We Anthony Wright & James Mays are held & firmly bound unto Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor or Chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia the Sum of Fifty pounds Current Money which payment well and truly to be made to the said Beverley Randolph or to ____ Successors we bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our Joint & Several Heirs Exors & admrs firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals & dated this 18th day of Decmr. 1789.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas there is a Marriage Shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Anthony Wright & Elizabeth Mays now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Signed Sealed &c Anthony Wright
in presence of James Mayse

Sir I do hereby Certify that the following marriages was Lawfully Solemnized by ____ To wit . . . .

December 29th 1789 Anthony Wright & Betsey Mayse . . . .

To the Clerk of Bedford

Pr Nathaniel Shrewsbury"

If Anthony Wright was at least 18 years of age when he married, his date of birth would be probably before 1772. The consent by the father of the groom to the marriage indicates that Anthony Wright was under the age of 21 years at the time of the marriage and, therefore, was born after December 18, 1768.

DAR Genealogical Records for Bedford County, Virginia, citing a Bible Record of Joseph Wright Mays of Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia, included the following listing:

> "John Wright d. 1803 His son Anthony m. Betsey Mays December 29, 1789. They were the parents of Malinda Wright Mays."

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 13:

Dates of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Black & White	No. of Blacks over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 13	Anthony Wright	1		2

Car-riage Wheels	Ordinary License	Bil-liard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The fact that Anthony Wright was listed as a tithable for the first time in 1790 indicates that his date of birth was before March 14, 1769. Since the only land known to have been owned by Anthony Wright's father, 1803 John Wright, between 1765 and 1770

was Bedford Deed 2/83 in Bedford County, the place of birth of Anthony was most probably at the family residence on that piece of land in Bedford County.

The 1790 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per acre
Anthony Wright			50	82

Total amount of value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at 1½ pr Ct
20.8.2	6.15

The deed for the purchase of the 50 acres for which Anthony Wright was taxed was actually signed and recorded the next year and is given below.

On October 26, 1790, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/597 Anthony Wright obtained a survey for 107-1/4 acres of land:

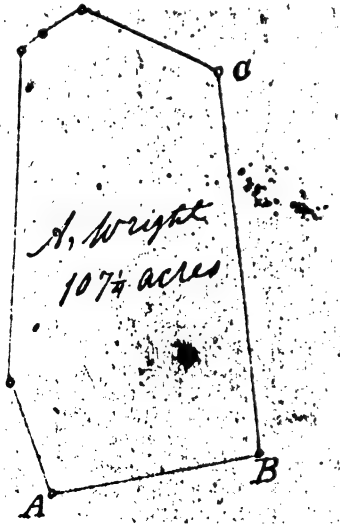
> "By Jesse Leftwich Asst. to William Callaway S.B.C Surveyed for Anthony Wright 26th Octr 1790 107 Acres of Land. Situate in Bedford County and on the Brs. of Beaverdam Cr. and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at Greers Co Pine Thence along his line N 5 E 90 poles to Shrewsberrys and Greers Co. Pine S 89 W 160 poles to wrights and Pates corner Pine. Thence along Pates line S 30 W 63 poles to a Corner who. on sd line S 31 E 24 poles to Co. Red Oak S 19 E 10 poles to a Corner Pine on wrights and wheelers line Thenc S 81 E 13-1/2 poles to a Old Pine Thence N 79 E 49 poles to the Beginning
>
> By Jesse Leftwich Asst. to
> Wm Callaway SBC"

A copy of that survey appears as follows:

By Jesse Leftwich Ass.t to
William Callaway S.B.C

Surveyed for Anthony Wright 26th Octr. 1790
107 Acres of Land. Situate in Redford County
and on the Br.s of Beaverdam Cr. and bounded
as follows to wit: Beginning at Greers Co Pine
Thence along his line N 5 E 90 poles to Shrewsberrys
and Greers Co. Pine S 89 W 160 poles to wrights
and Pates Corner Pine. Thence along Pates line
S 30 W 63 poles to a Corner wh.o on 5d line
S 31 E 24 poles to Co. Red Oak S 19 E 10 poles
to a Corner Pine on wrights and wheelers
line Thence S 81 E 138 poles to a Old Pine
Thence N 79 E 49 poles to the Beginning

By Jesse Leftwich Ass.t to
Wm Callaway S B C



The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on March 22:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No White & Black	No. of Blacks above 12	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules
Mar 22	Anthony Wright	1		2

Car-riage Wheels	Ordinary License	Bil-liard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Cover-ing	Practising Apothecaries Physicians & Surgeons

The 1791 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre S d
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Do			1	5.6

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts £	Amount of Taxes at One & haf p Ct £
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.6	.1

On November 12, 1791, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 9/22 Anthony Wright purchased 50 acres of land from Reuben Cornute:

> "This Indenture made this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Ninety One between Reuben Curnute of Wythe County of the One part and Anthony Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Reuben Cornute for and consideration of the just sum

of Ninety pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in Hand paid by the said Anthony Wright the recipet whereof he the said Reuben Curnute doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargain'd and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain & sell deliver and confirm to him the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever One certain Tract or parsel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on both sides of Beaver Dam Creek containing fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth towit. Begining at John Thomases line spliting the ridge which was agreed upon between themselves, thence along the ridge to a branch which was agreed upon by themselves to a certain ridge path according to agreement thence round the said lines according to agreement to the first Begining will furthermore appear together with all and Singular the priviledges and appurtenances, thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining To Have And To Hold the above sold land and premises with all the appertenances to him the said Anthony Wright his Heirs and assigns forever To have hold use occupy possess and enjoy with every part & parcel thereof to him the said Anthony Wright his Heirs and assigns forever against him the said Reuben Cornute his Heirs or assigns and against the Claim or demand of all other persons whatever shall and will by these presents warrent and forever defend In witness whereof he the said Reuben Cornute hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed seal'd & delivered in presence of -
Jonathan Basham
Jonson Basham
John Payne

Reuben his X mark Cornute

Memorandum that on the day & year first within mentioned quiet and peaceable possession and Seazin of the within mentioned land and Premises with the appertenances was given & made by Reuben Cornute to Anthony Wright according to the Effect of the within written Deed.

Reuben his X mark Curnute

In presence of Jonathan Basham, Jonson Basham, John Payne

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of February 1792.

This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon indorsed was proved by the Solemn Affirmation of Jonathan Basham & Jonson

Basham & by the Oath of John Payne Witnesses whose names are thereunto subscribed & Ordered to be recorded

Teste:
Ja. Steptoe CBC"

On November 17, 1791, by Patent Deed 24/379 Anthony Wright patented 107 acres of land.

"Beverly Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that in consideration of the ancient composition of fifteen Shillings Sterling paid by Anthony Wright into the Treasury of this Commonwealth, There is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Anthony Wright, a certain tract or parcel of Land containing one hundred & Seven acres by Survey bearing date the twenty sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred & ninety, lying and being in the County of Bedford on the Branches of Beaverdam Creek, and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at Greers corner pine, thence along his lines North five degrees West ninety poles to Shrewsberry corner pine, thence along Shrewsberrys line, South eighty nine degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to Wrights & Pates corner pine, thence along Pates line, South thirty degrees West sixty three poles to his corner white oak, new lines South thirty one degrees East twenty two poles to a red oak, South nineteen degrees East ten poles to a corner pine on Wrights & Wheelers lines, thence along Wrights line, North eighty one degrees East one hundred & thirty eight poles to a pine, thence new line South thirty degrees West sixty three poles to the Beginning. With its appurtenances To Have & to hold the said tract or parcel of Land; With its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said Beverly Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand and Caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be Affixed at Richmond on the Seventheenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one & of the Commonwealth the Sixteenth.

B. Randolph"

This was the same land as that surveyed at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/597.

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 14:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. of Blacks	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apr 14	Anthony Wright	1		3	

Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No. of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1792 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6

Total Amt of Value of Land Ex-clusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Cent
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
8.0.6	2.4¾

This record reflects the purchase of 107 acres by Patent Deed 24/379.

The will of James Mayse dated December 15, 1792, and probated on June 22, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 2/160 listed Elizabeth Wright as one of his children:

". . . . and I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Wright one Shilling Starlen know more . . . ."

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 21:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Mar 21	Anthony Wright	1		3

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1793 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6

Total Amount of Value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Ct
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
18.0.6	2.4¾

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 14:

Date of receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes white & Black	No. of Blacks over 12 Years	No. of Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Carriage Wheels
Mar 14	Anthony Wright	1		3	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No. of Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1794 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
8.0.6	2.4¾

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 27:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No. of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses mares Colts & Mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 27	Anthony Wright	1		3	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1795 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
8.0.6	2.4¾

On September 26, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 10/26 Anthony Wright purchased 100 acres of land from John Payne and John and Nancy Howell:

> "This Indenture made this 26th day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five between John Payne and John Howell and Nancy his Wife of the County for Bedford of the one part and Anthony Wright of the County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said John Payne & John Howell and Nancy his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds Virginia Currency to them in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said John Payne and John Howell & Nancy his Wife who hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said Anthony Wright One certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the said County of Bedford on a branch of Beaver damn Creek containing One hundred Acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth, to wit, Begining at Hollands old Corner pine (now Pates) thence along his line North thirty two Degrees West One hundred and eighteen poles to his Corner pine along Talbots line North forty degrees East Forty poles to a pine, North fifteen degrees West fifty two poles to a pine, North thirty degrees East fifty Six poles to a pine, South thirty degrees East twenty poles to a white Oak South forty Degrees West thirty two poles to John Talbots line on his line four poles to his Corner red Oak thence along the old ridge path to John Paynes Corner red Oak thence a straight line to the head of Paynes Spring branch, thence Down the said Branch to the Mouth where it emtys into the Meador branch, Thence a Straight line to the first Station. To have and to hold the said granted land and premises with its appurtenances unto the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Payne and John Howell & Nancy his Wife doth Covenant for themselves and their Heirs, that they

will forever Warrant and defend the Right and Title of the aforesaid granted land and premises unto the said Anthony Wright and to his heirs and assigns forever against the Claim of all persons Whatever. In Witness whereof the said John Payne and John Howell and Nancy his Wife hath hereunto set their Hands and affixed their Seals the day and year above Written

Signed Sealed and)
delivered in)
presence of)

his
John X mark Payne

his
John X mark Howell

her
Nancy X mark Howell

At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of September 1795. This Indenture was acknowledged by John Payne & John Howell & Nancy his Wife parties thereto. The said Nancy having been first privily examined according to Law Voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in & to the land and premises conveyed by this Indenture which is Ordered to be Recorded

Teste,
Ja. Steptoe CBC"

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on May 14:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No of horses, mares, Cots & mules	Car-riage Wheels
May 14	Anthony Wright	1		2	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1796 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6
Ditto of Howell			60	5.
Ditto of Payne			40	4.

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
8.0.6	2._
15.0.0	4._
8.37.2	2._

This record reflects the purchase of 100 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 10/26.

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 24:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses mares Colts & mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 24	Anthony Wright	2		1	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering
		1	6

The 1797 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	8.2
Ditto			1	5.3
Ditto			107	1.6
Ditto			60	5.
Ditto			40	4.

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
20.8.2	6.1½
0.5.3	.1
8.0.6	2.4¾
15.0.0	4.6
8.0.0	2.4¾

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 6:

____	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses Mares Colts and Mules	Carriage Wheels
April 6	Anthony Wright	1 or 0		4	

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1798 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
Ditto			1	.93
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.86
Ditto			40	.67

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every 100 _ & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34 of the rents
68.00	.26
0.93	.02
26.75	.10
50.40	.19
26.8	.10

In July 1798 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 11/2_ Anthony Wright was qualified as constable in the place of Micajah McCormack:

"Anthony Wright Quald. Constable in the place of Micajah McCormack."

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 11:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No. of tithes	No. of Blacks Over 12 Years	No. of Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules
Apl 11	Anthony Wright			4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1799 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
Ditto			1	.93
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.84
Ditto			40	.67

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every $100 & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34
68.00	.26
93.00	.01
26.75	.10
50.40	.19
26.80	.10

On June 24, 1799, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/83 Anthony Wright purchased 50 acres of land from Charles and Patsy McMannamor:

"This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine between Charles McMannamor & Patsy his Wife of Bedford County & State of Virginia of the one part & Anthony Wright of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Charles McMannamor and Patsy his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of £24.10.6 Pounds Current Money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and Sold and by these Presents do give grant bargain and Sell unto the said Anthony Wright and to his heirs and Assigns forever one certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing fifty Acres lying & being in Bedford County on the Waters of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as followeth to witt Begining at a pine by a Path Corner to Thomas Wright thence North Sixty six Poles to a red Oak by sd path thence West Seventy poles to a red Oak Corner to Matthew Pate thence South fifty five Degrees West eighty four poles To Talbots Line and with his line South forty degrees East twenty two Poles to a pine thence South 19 degrees East fourteen poles to a Pine in a line between John Payne and Said Anthony Wright thence North eighty four Degrees east one hundred and twenty one Poles to the begining To have and to hold the said Land & Premises with the appurtenances thereof unto him the said Anthony Wright and to his heirs & assigns forever and to the said Charles McMannamor and Patsy his wife do

Covenant for themselves and their heirs that they will warrant and forever defend the said Land & Premises unto him the said Anthony Wright and to his heirs and Assigns forever In Witness whereof they the said Charles McMannamor and Patsy his wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals the Day & Year above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered In the Presence of	Charles	his X mark	McMannamor
	Patsy	her X mark	McMannamor

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Court house the 22d day of July 1799. This Indenture was Acknowledged by Charles McMannamor & Patty his wife parties thereto. The said Patty having been first privily examined according to Law Voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in the the Lands & Premises conveyed by this Indenture which is Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 26:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12	No Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Mar 26	Anthony Wright		2	4

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	No of Studs	Rates of Carrying

The 1800 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names owning land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
Ditto			1	.93
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.84
Ditto			40	.67
Ditto of Mac Manama		50	. 89	

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Taxes @ 38 Cents for every $100 & Lotts $4.17 for every $333.34
68.00	.26
.93	.01
26.75	.10
50.40	.19
26.80	.10
44.50	.16

This record reflects the purchase of 50 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 11/83.

On February 21, 1801, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/321 Anthony Wright purchased 100 acres of land from John and Sarah Payne:

> "This Indenture made the 21st day of February one thousand eight hundred and one between John Payn & Sarah Payne his wife, of the county of Bedford County of the one part & Anthony Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Payne & Sarah Payne his wife for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds Current money of Virginia have given, granted, bargained & sold unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs one certain tract or parcel of Land, in the County of Bedford, & on bever damn Creek, & containing one hundred acres be the same more or Less, & bounded as followeth. Begining on Anthony Wright's & John's Payne's dividing line, & John Hook's line, thence along Hooks line to William Andersons line, thence along John Wrights line, to the corner pine betwen Mathew Pate & John Wright & John Payne & Anthony Wright thence, along said Wrights Line to the first begining. Together with all its appurtenances to have & to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs & the said John Payne & his heirs, the said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs will for ever warrant & defend. In Witness

whereof the said John Payne & Sarah Payne his wife have hereunto Subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day & year above Written.

Signed Sealed &)
Delivered In the)
Presence of)

his
John X Payne
mark

her
Sarah X Payne
mark

Morandum that on the day & year first within mentioned Quiet & pecable prossesion & seizan of the within mentioned land & premises, with all its appurtanances was given & made by John Payne & Sarah Payne his wife to Anthony Wright according to the effect of the within written Deed

In presents of

his
John X Payne
mark

her
Sarah X Payne
mark

At a Court held for Bedford county the 23rd day of February 1801.

This Indenture was acknowledged by John Payne & Sarah his wife parties thereto. The said Sarah being first privily examined according to Law Voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in & to the lands & premises conveyed by this Indenture which is ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 20:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. Blacks over 12	No of horses mares colts & mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apl 20	Anthony Wright	1		3	

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1801 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.84
Ditto			40	.67
Ditto			50	.89
Ditto of Payne			100	.98

Total Amt. of Value of land exclusive of Lotts	Amt of Taxes at 38 Cents for every $100 and Lotts at fifty every $333 & 33 Cts
68.00	.26
26.75	.70
50.40	.19
26.80	.10
44.50	.16
98.00	.37

This record reflects the purchase of 100 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 11/321.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on September 3:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males Over 16	Blacks above 12 Years old	Blacks above 16 Years old
Sepr 3	Anthony Wright	1		

				Carriage Wheels		
Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Barouches Chariots & Post Chaises	Other rideing 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding carriages with 2 wheels
3						

The 1802 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land and Lots	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Anthony Wright			50	.36
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.84
Ditto			40	.67
Ditto of Mac Manama		50	.89	
Ditto of Payne			100	.98

Total amount of the value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at Forty __ for $100 and $1.56 on $100 of each of Lots
68.00	.34
26.75	.13
50.40	.25
26.80	.13
44.50	.22
98.00	.47

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Anthony Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Thirdly I do give to my Son Anthony my negroe man Call'd Peter to be his own property at my wife's Death, ..."

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on August 18:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Aug 18	Anthony Wright	1			4

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Coaches Chariots &c	Other riding 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding Chaises &c

The 1803 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
ditto			107	.25
ditto			60	.84
ditto			40	.67
ditto			50	.89
ditto			100	.98

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at Forty Eight Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
68.00	.36
26.75	.13
50.40	.25
26.80	.13
44.50	.22
98.00	.47

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 23:

Date of Receiving Lists from individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
April 23	Anthony Wright	1			4

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Cover ing by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The 1804 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Pr Acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
ditto			107	.25
ditto			60	.84
ditto			40	.67
ditto			50	.89
ditto			100	.98

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and$1.56 Cents for $100 and of the rent thereof
68.00	.34
26.75	.13
50.40	.25
26.80	.13
44.50	.22
98.00	.47

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on May 29:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
May 29	Anthony Wright	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1805 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
Ditto			107	.25
Ditto			60	.84
Ditto			40	.67
Ditto			50	.89
Ditto			100	.98

Total Amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
68.00	.34
26.75	.13
50.40	.25
26.80	.13
44.50	.22
98.00	.47

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 29:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years Old	Blacks above 16 years Old
March 29	Anthony Wright	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1806 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Anthony Wright			50	1.36
ditto			107	.25
ditto			60	.84
ditto			40	.67
ditto			50	.89
ditto			100	.98

Total amount of the value of Land Exclusive of lots	Amount of the Tax at 48 Cents for $100 worth & $1.56 Cts on $100 of the rent of lots
68.00	.34
26.75	.33
50.40	.25
26.80	.13
44.50	.22
98.00	.47

On September 19, 1806, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/102 Anthony Wright purchased 163 acres of land from his brother Joseph Wright, Jr., and sister-in-law Aga, land which had been devised to Joseph by his father 1803 John Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this nineteenth day of September One thousand Eight Hundred & Six between Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga Wright his wife of the County of Brakenridge & State of Kentucky of the one part & Anthony Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred pounds good and lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained, sold & confirmed & do by these presents grant Bargain sell & confirm unto the said Anthony Wright his Heirs & Executors Admrs & assigns forever one certain Track or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford & State aforesaid on the waters of Beverdam Creek, containing one hundred & sixty three acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows viz. Begining at Weavers corner pine thence South twelve degrees East one hundred & seventy two poles to a pine, North 83 Degrees West 42 poles to a white oak, north 50 degrees west 40 poles to a white oak. South 64 degrees west 20 poles to a white oak North sixty two degrees west 32 poles to a pine north 52 degrees west 44 poles to a Pine, North five degrees west 134 poles to a pine in Simmons line thence with said line north 43 degrees east 136 poles to his corner pine, south 36 degrees [east] 50 poles to a pine in Weavers line, thence with said line South 5 degrees East 100 poles to the begining, To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with all its privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Anthony Wright and his heirs forever and the said Joseph Wright his Heirs, Executors & Admrs. the said tract or parcel of land with all & singularly its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs, will forever warrant & defend In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals the day and year above written.

Joseph Wright Junr.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of September 1806

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright Junr. of the one part & Anthony Wright of the other was acknowledged by the said Joseph Wright & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Property	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 under 16	Blacks above 16	Horses Mares Coults & Mules	Other Taxable Property in Manuscript
Anthony Wright	1			5	

The 1807 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total amount of the Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Total Amt. of Tax on Lots & Land
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	68.00	.34
ditto	107	.25	26.75	.13
ditto	60	.84	50.40	.25
ditto	40	.67	26.80	.13
ditto	50	.89	44.50	.22
ditto	100	.98	98.00	.47

On April 27, 1807, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 14/95 Anthony Wright was appointed surveyor of a road from Weaver Creek:

> "Ord. that Anthony Wright be appd. Surveyor of the road from Weaver Creek to Collys in the room Canal Colley, with the usual hands"

On June 27, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 14/343 William Wheeler was appointed surveyor of a road from Weaver Creek in the place of Anthony Wright:

> "Ordered that William Wheeler be appointed Surveyor of the Road in the room of Anthony Wright from Weavers Creek to Wm Colleys with the usual hands."

On July 18, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/452 Aga Wright relinquished her dower interest in the land sold in Bedford County Deed 12/102:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to Gentlemen Justices of Kentucky greeting whereas Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga Wright his Wife by their certain Indenture of Bargain & Sale bearing date the 19th day of September 1806 have sold and

conveyed unto Anthony Wright the fee simple Estate of 163 Acres of Land lying and being in the County of Bedford and whereas the said Aga Wright cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our of Bedford aforesaid. Therefore we give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive such acknowledgment as the said Aga Wright shall be willing to make before you of the conveyanc aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed, & we do require you that you do personally go to the said Aga Wright and examine her privily and apart from the said Joseph Wright her husband whether she did willingly Sign and Seal the said Indenture and doth now acknowledge the same without the persuasions or threats of her said husband and whether she be willing it should be recorded in our Court of our said County & when you have have received her acknowledgement and examine her as aforesaid, that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your seals, sending then these the said Indenture & this Writ. Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 23d day of March 1807. In the 31st Year of our Independence.

J Steptoe

July the eighteenth 1808

This day came Aga Wright before Edward Dehaven & William Love Justices of the peace for the County of Breckenridge and did acknowledge the within Indenture agreeable to a commission from the County Court of Bedford Virginia State And we do certify that she did in our presence say that she did not acknowledge this Indenture through the persuasion or fear of her husband, but freely of her own consent. Given under our hands and Seals.

Edward Dehaven
William Love

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th July 1809. This Commission was returned executed and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

In September 1808 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 15/9 a return of an allotment of hands to work a road under Anthony Wright and others was filed:

"A return of an allotment of hands to work under Matthew Wright Anthony Wright James Johnson & John Holliday surveyors of roads & ordered to be filed"

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Names 1 March 1809	No Whites Over 16 years old	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 under 16	Horses	Other Taxable property mentioned in manuscript
Anthony Wright	1			4	

The 1809 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quan-tity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount of the Vaue Of Land Exclusive of Lots
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	68.00
do	107	.25	26.75
do	60	.84	50.40
do	40	.67	26.80
do	50	.89	44.50
do	100	.98	98.00
do	163	.57	92.91

This record reflects the purchase of 163 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 12/102.

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above Sixteen years	Blacks Above Sixteen Years Old	Blacks Above twelve	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary License
Anthony Wright	1			4	

Bil-liard Tables	Stud Horses	Rate of Cover-ing per Season	Coaches Chariots & post & Mules	Other riding four W. chaises	Riding Carriages with two wheels

The 1810 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Owners of Land 1810	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of the Value Of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots and Land
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	68.00	.34
do	107	.25	26.75	.13
do	60	.84	50.40	.25
do	40	.67	26.80	.14
do	50	.89	44.50	.22
do	100	.98	98.00	.67
do	163	.57	92.91	.44

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Anthony Wright with the following household:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Anthony Wright	1	26-45	2	26-45		
	1	16-26	2	10-16		
	2	10-16	4	0-10		

This record indicates that Anthony Wright and Synthia (Mayse) Wright were born between 1765 and 1784, and since they were married in 1789, they were probably born between 1765 and 1774.

On September 25, 1810, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/589 Anthony Wright purchased 59 acres of land from his sister Sarah "Sally" (Wright) Wheeler and his brother-in-law William Wheeler:

> "This Indentur made the 25th day of September One Thousand Eight hundred & Ten Between William Wheeler & Sally his wife of the County of Jackson & State of Tennisee of the one part and Anthony Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Wheeler & Sally his wife for & in consideration of the sum of ninty pound Current money of Virginia have given granted bargained & sold unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs one certain

tract or parcel of land in the County of Bedford on the South side of beaver Dam Creek & containing Fifty nine acres Begining on an Elm on James Johnsons mill pond and up the same as it meanders to the mouth of the meador branch, thence of through said Anderson's plantation West 58 Degrees West 46 poles to pointers ner his fence North 14 Degrees West 56 pole to a read oak by a path West 16 degrees East 18 poles to a persimon & Sasafras in the patent line, thence with the patent line West 88 degrees West 57 poles to a post oak South 12 Degrees East 128 poles to a small white oak bush South 75-1/2 degrees East 148 poles to the begining together with all its appurtenances. To have & to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances unto the said Anthony Wright & his heirs & the said William Wheeler & his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs will warrant & forever defend. In Witness whereof the said William Wheeler & Sally his wife have hereunto subscribed their names & affixed their seals the day & year above writen

Signed Sealed &) William Wheeler
Delivered in the) her
presence of) Sally X Wheeler
mark

At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of April 1811

This Indenture of bargain & Sale between William Wheeler & Sally his wife of the one part and Anthony Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said William Wheeler and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe, CBC

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Lampon Williams, Jonas Bedford, & Willeroy Pate Gent Justices of Jackson County State of Tennesse: Whereas William Wheeler & Sally his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain & Sale bearing date this 21st day of September have sold & conveyed unto Anthony Wright the fee Simple Estate of Fifty nine acres of land lying & being in the County of Bedford and whereas the said Sally cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County of Bedford to make acknowledgement of the same, therefore we give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive such acknowledgement as the said Sally shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed - And we do require you that you do personally go to the said Sally and examine her privily & apart from the said William Wheeler her husband whether she did willingly sign the said Indenture & doth now acknowledge the same without the threats or persuasions of the said William her husband & whether she be willing the said Indenture

together with this acknowledgement should be recorded, in our said County & when you have received her acknowledgement and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly & openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your seals, sending them there the said Indenture this writ: Witness James Steptoe clerk of our said Court the 27th day of August 1811 In the 35th year of our Independence

J. Steptoe

At a Court for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of April 1811

This Commission was returned Executed & Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe, CBC

In pursuance to a commission to us directed from the County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia which said commission is hereunto annexed, we have proceeded as thereby directed & required to a privy examination of Sally Wheeler wife of William Wheeler seperate & apart from her said husband & do hereby certify that she freely & willingly signed & Sealed this Deed of conveyance & acknowledge the same before us, and that she is willing & consents that this Indenture together with this acknowledgement should be made a record in the said County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia. Given under our hands & Seals this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1810

L. Williams
J. Bedford
Willeroy Pate"

This appears to be the peak of Anthony Wright's land ownership and represents an estate of some 629 acres.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property 1 March 1811	No of Whites Over 16 years	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks over 12 under 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	Anthony Wright	1			4

Other Taxable
property in
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The 1811 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Lots & Lands 1811	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of Value of Land excluding Lots	Total Tax On Lots and Land
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	67.00	.34
Do	107	.25	26.75	.13
Do Colts $105	60	.84	50.40	.25
Do	40	.67	26.80	.13
Do	50	.89	44.50	.08
Do	100	.98	98.00	.47
Do	163	.57	92.91	.44

On September 23, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/628 Anthony Wright sold his remainder interest in a mulatto slave named Peter after the death of his mother Elizabeth to his brother Joseph:

> "Know all men by these presents that whereas John Wright Dec late of Bedford County & State of Virginia did by his last Will and testament devise to me Anthony Wright a mulatto man Slave for life named Peter in the following manner viz that Elizabeth Wright widow of the said John Wright dec, is to keep in her possession & for her benefit the aforesd slave during her life time & after her death the said mulatto slave to devolve to me as one of the devisees of the aforesd John Wright Dec & whereas I the said Anthony Wright for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars current money of the United States to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained & sold & do by these presents grant sell & confirm to my brother Joseph Wright of the state of Kentucky & Breckenridge county the aforesd mulattoe slave to receive the same after the death of the aforesd widow Elizabeth Wright in the same manner that I myself should have done according to the tenor of the said John Wrights last will & testament as aforesd & I do hereby covenant for myself & my heirs forever, that I do hereby relinquish to him the said Joseph Wright all my right title Int: & Claim to the aforesd slave to him

the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns forever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 23d day of Sept in the year 1871.

Teste
Anthony Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23rd day of Septmr 1811. The bill of sale was acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J. Steptoe Cl"

On February 12, 1812, Anthony Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of his daughter Rhoda Wright and William S. Wright.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Taxable Property last day of February 1812	Whites over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16	Horses Mares Colts &c	Other Taxable Property
Anthony Wright	2			5	

The 1812 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land 1812	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount the Value Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	Location Lots & Land
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	67.00	.34	Waters Beaver Dam
Do	107	.25	26.75	.13	Same
Do	60	.84	50.40	.25	Same
Do	40	.67	26.80	.13	Same
Do	50	.89	44.50	.22	Same
Do	100	.98	98.00	.47	Same
Do	163	.57	92.91	.44	Same
Do	59	.75	44.25	.22	Same

This record reflects the purchase of 59 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 13/589.

On March 15, 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/811 Anthony Wright sold 66 acres of land to William Dollard:

"This Indenture made this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirteen between Anthony Wright & his wife Betsey of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part & William Dollard of the County & State aforesaid of the Other part. Witnesseth that the said Anthony Wright & his wife Betsey for and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixty six pounds to them in hand paid by the said William Dollard the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold & by these presents doth grant bargain sell confirm & deliver, unto the said William Dollard his Heirs & Assigns forever One certain Tract or parcel of Land containing Sixty six acres be the same more or less, situate in the County of Bedford lyining on the waters of Bever damn Creek and bounded as follows viz Begining at a Stake in an Old field thence S 64 E 40 poles to a Hickory in Nelsons line, thence along his line N 85 E 126 poles to Tommy Wrights corner Pine thence along his lines N 7 E 26 poles to pointers N 11 W 20 poles to pointers N 15 E 20 poles to red Oak S 88-1/2 W 143 poles to a Pine, thence new lines S 8 W 58 poles to the first Station. To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land together with all & singular the Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said William Dollard his Heirs & Assigns forever, and the said Anthony Wright & his wife Betsey doth Covenant for themselves their Heirs & Assigns that they will forever warrant and defend the said Tract or parcel of Land against the Claims of all persons or maner of persons unto him the said William Dollard his Heirs and Assigns forever. In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our hands and Seals the day and year first herein before written

Anthony Wright
Betsy Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of March 1813 This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Anthony Wright & Betsey his wife of the One part & William Dollard of the Other, was acknowledged by the sd. Anthony Wright & Betsey his Wife, the sd Betsey being first privily examined according to Law voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in & to the Land & premises conveyed by this Indenture which is ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CB"

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Date When Lists	Persons Names owning property 1813	White males over 16	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks 12 & Under 16	Horses colts mares & Mules
	Anthony Wright	2			5

Giggs & Riding Carriages of all kinds 2 & 4 wheels Stud horses jacks Mills & _____ Licence Ordinary Licence &c

The 1813 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Lots & Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	
Anthony Wright	50	1.36	67.00	.43	on the W. of Bever Dam
ditto	107	.25	26.75	.17	on the same
ditto	40	.67	26.80	.17	on the same
ditto	50	.89	44.50	.28	on the same
ditto	100	.98	98.00	.62	on the same
ditto	163	.57	92.91	.60	on the same
ditto	59	.75	44.25	.28	on the same

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
Anthony Wright	2			

Total of free negroes& Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property

The 1814 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Anthony Wright	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		
Do	prem	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 P $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		50	Beaverdame Adjg Wm Pate Matthew Wright &c
		107	same Adjg same
		40	same same
		50	same same
		100	same same
		163	same same
		59	same same

Distance& Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total Of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
18W	1.36	68.00	.	.	
	.25	26.75	.23	.	
	.67	26.80	.23	.	
	.89	44.50	.38	.38	
	.98	98.00	.83	.83	
	.57	92.91	.80	.80	
	.75	44.25	.37	.37	

This record reflects the sale of 66 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 13/811, previously listed in the Land Tax List as 60 acres.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 27:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules mares & Colts
Mch 27	Anthony Wright	1		1	4

Stud horses No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	Carriages: 2 wheeled riding carriages	Phaetons & stage waggons	Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
		13				

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches: Gold silver or pinchmark	Single Cased Gold	Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ country sufficient for The accommodatioin of one horse	houses in the exceeding in value $500	Ice houses: for private use	from which ice is sold	Clocks: works of wood without case	works of wood in the case	works principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]			Printers	Furniture
of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	& the subscriptions annually to their papers	Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Dining Table or Separate __ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candlesticks___ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter___	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
		2.03

The 1815 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Anthony Wright	prem	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		50	On Bever Dam Adjg Wm Pate &c
		107	On the same Adjg the same
		40	On the same Adjg the same
		50	On the same Adjg the same
		100	On the same Adjg the same
		163	On the same Adjg the same
		59	On the same Adjg the same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
18W	1.36	68.00	.		
	.25	26.75	.23		
	.67	26.80	.23		
	.89	44.50	.38		
	.98	98.00	.83		
	.57	92.91	.80		
	.75	44.25	.37		

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 20:

Date Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 20	Anthony Wright	1		3		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceeding value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						.54

The 1816 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Anthony Wright	prs	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		50	On Bever dam adj Wm Pate
		107	On the same adj the same
		40	On the same adj the same
		50	Same adj the same
		100	On the same adj the same
		163	On the same adj Wm Pate &c
		59	On the same adj the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes on Land & Lots	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
18SW	1.36	68.00	.51		
	.25	26.75	.20		
	.67	26.80	.20		
	.89	44.50	.33		
	.98	98.00	.74		
	.57	92.91	.69		
	.75	44.25	.43		

In June 1816 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/178 Anthony Wright filed evidence of his payment of taxes on land listed as delinquent:

> "On the motion of Anthony Wright who exhibited satisfactory evidence of his having been pryor to the 1st of June 1812 a bona fide purchaser and had a deed to certain piece of land returned delinquent in the name of Archelaus Wheeler for 104 acres returned in the year 1790 also Wm Carnute for fifty acres for the years 1786 "87 & "88 also Charles McManima for 50 acres part of 150 for the year 1800 also Yancy Holman for 163 acres for the years 1786 "87 & "94 took the oath prescribed by law Judgment is given in his favour exhonerating the said lands so claimed by him from all arrears of taxes & damages due thereon anterior to the date of such purchase, the attorney for the ComWealth present"

The parcel referred to as 107 acres listed as delinquent to Archelaus Wheeler is of uncertain identification. The only parcel owned by Anthony Wright which seems to match this land is Patent Deed 24/379 obtained by him on November 17, 1791. This may have been a patent of land originally claimed by Archelaus Wheeler, but as to which a patent and clear title were never obtained. The William Carnute parcel for 50 acres apparently referred to the land purchased by Bedford Deed 9/22 dated November 12, 1791, from Reuben Carnute. The Charles McManima parcel for 50 acres apparently referred to the land purchased by Bedford Deed 11/83 dated June 24, 1799, from Charles McMannama. And the Yancy Holman parcel of 163 acres apparently referred to the land purchased by Bedford Deed 12/102 dated September 19, 1806, from Joseph Wright.

On August 28, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/593 Anthony Wright purchased 30 acres of land from the Sheriff of Bedford County at a tax sale:

"Whereas by an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia on the 9th day of February 1814 entitled an act to amend and explain an act entitled an act Concerning taxes on Lands It is made the duty of the Sheriff to sell Lands delinquent for the non payment of the public taxes due thereon in all Cases where he Could not find property within his bailiwick belonging to the person Charged With Such taxes Liable to distress and Whereas Robt Simmons Stands Charged on the books of the Commissioner of the revenue of Bedford County with a tax of one Dollar thirty five Cents on Sixty Seven Acres of Land for the years 1813, 14 & 15 Whereon nor elsewhere in the Said County no property belonging to the sd Ro Simmons could be found Liable to the distress for the said tax and whereas the Said delinquent tract of Land Was duly advertised at the door of the Courthouse of the sd County and published in a newspaper printed in Richmond according to the manner & form prescribed by the aforesaid act and all the Other prerequisites to a Sale of delinquent Lands done and performed in relation to the aforesaid tract of Land the same was on Tuesday the 27th day of August (Insts) that being the Second day of Bedford August Court exposed to Sale at public Auction or so much thereof as would be Sufficient to discharge the arrears of taxes aforesaid with ten p Centum damage thereon together With the tax of the present year due on the said tract of Land and Charged to the said Robert Simmons for the present Year by Wm Otey D Shff of Isaac Cty H Shff in and for the aforesaid County and as Anthony Wright became the purchaser of thirty Acres of the Said tract of Land aforesaid for the Sum of two Dollars fifty Seven Cents that being the amount of taxes & arrearages due thereon for the aforesaid Year no person bidding the aforesaid Sum for a less Quantity of Land than thirty acres now this Indenture made the 28th day of August in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen between the aforesd Wm Otey D Shff as aforesaid acting on behalf of the Commonwealth as aforesaid of the one part and Anthony Wright of Bedford County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Wm Otey D Shff as aforesaid & acting in Virtue of the power Vested in him by the above recited act of Assembly for and in the consideration of the sum two Dollars fifty Seven Cents Lawful money to him in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge & Confess hath Granted bargained and Sold aliened and Confirmed and by these Presents doth grant bargain Sell alien and Confirm unto the said Anthony Wright and his heirs forever a Certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the said County of Bedford Containing thirty Acres and being a part of the Same tract or parcel of Land Standing on the books of the Commissioner of the Revenue for the Said County Charged to the aforesaid Robert Simmons with the tax aforesaid for the aforesaid four Years together with all its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs to the sole use & behoof to him the said Anthony Wright & his

heirs forever But it is distinctly understood by the parties to these presents that the Said Wm Otey Shff only Conveys to the said Anthony Wright Such title to the premises as he on the part of the Commonwealth hath a right to Convey and that the Commonwealth is in no wise whatsoever to be answerable for the title to the same or any part or parcel thereof or liable to refund the purchase money in Case of the default of the title of Robert Simmons or his heirs or for any defect of the title hereby Conveyed or any Irregularity or error of any sort or kind Whatsoever in the Sale or other proceedings the said Anthony Wright agreeing to accept of the said Wm Otey D Shff such title above as he hereby Conveys without recourse against him or the Commonwealth in any event whatever In testamony Whereof the said Wm Otey as D Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto Set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year aforesaid.

William Otey D Shff

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of May 1819 This Indenture Of bargain & Sale between the Commonwealth of the one part and Anthony Wright of the Other, was acknowledged by the said Wm Otey D Shff and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CB.C"

On about September 27, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Anthony Wright filed a complaint against Charles Melson for payment of a debt of 50£:

"Bedford County to wit Anthony Wright Plaintiff com[plains] of Charles Melson Defendant in Custody &c of a plea of covenant broken for this to wit, That whereas the sd Charles Melson on the 9th day of January 1808 at the parish of ____ & County aforesaid & within the jurisdiction of this Court by his covenant in writeing sealed with his seal the date whereof is as above set forth & now by Pltf to the Court here shewn did covenant to & with the sd Anthony the Pltf as follows to wit "Know all men by these presents that I Chas Melson of Bedford County & state of Virginia am held & firmly bound unto Anthony Wright in the just & full sum of fifty pounds good & lawful money of Virginia to be paid to his heirs Exors Admrs or assigns to which payment well & truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Exors & admrs firmly by these presents in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this 9th day of Jany 1808

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the the above bound Charles Melson his heirs Exors or Admrs do make or cause to be made unto the above named Anthony Wright his Exors Admrs or Assigns a good & lawful title to one piece of land lying & being in the County & State above named & on Beaver

Dam Creek containing twenty five acres to be taken of sd Melsons tract adjoining the sd Wrights & William Andersons land then this obligation to be void or otherwise to remain in full force & virtue" and signed & sealed by the sd Chas Melson and the Plf in fact avers that the whole of the sd Cov on his part he hath kept well & truly & that the sd Charles the def on his part hath not kept the sd covt. on his part but the same to keep hath wholy & entirely failed & every essential particular to wit he hath particularly failed to make to the sd Anthony the Pltf a good & lawful right & title to the sd land altho the same hath been often demanded. Whereby an action hath accrued to the sd Plf to have & demand damages of the sd Def & which he hath hitherto & still doth refuse to pay or to comply & fulfill the sd cov. to the damage of the Pltf $500.00 & Therefore he sues

Cllk
Anthony PQ"

On September 27, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Charles Melson to answer the complaint of Anthony Wright for payment of a debt of £50:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County, greeting: We command you to take Charles Melson if he be found within your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you have his body before our Justices of our Court of our County of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth Monday in November next to answer Anthony Wright of a plea of Covenant Damage three hundred Dollars. And have then there this Writ: Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court, the 27th day of Sept 1816 In the 41st Year of our Independence

J Steptoe"

On September 30, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Charles Melson and John Melson executed their surety bond to secure the appearance of Charles Melson in court to answer the complaint of Anthony Wright:

"Know all men by these presents, That we Charles Melson & John Melson are held and firmly bound unto Joel Leftwich Sheriff of Bedford County, in the just and full sum of Six hundred Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c. jointly and severally by these presents. Sealed with our seals, this 30th day of September 1816

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound Charles Melson shall appear before the Justices of our said county of Bedford, at the Court-house on the fourth Monday in November next and answer Anthony

Wright of a plea of Covenant damage three hundred Dollars above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed in the	)	his mark
presence of	)	Charles X Melson
Martin A. Burk	)	John Melson"

On October 30, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Joseph Ridgway and Edmund Ridgway to answer the complaint of Anthony Wright for damages of $500 for trespass, assault, and battery:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting: We command you to take Joseph Ridgway & Edmund Ridgway if they be found within your bailiwick and them safely keep so that you have their bodys before our Justices of our Court of our County of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in Novemr. next to answer Anthony Wright of a plea of Trespass assault & battery Damage five hundred Dollars And have then there this writ. Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 30 day of Oct 1816 In the 41 Year of our Independence
>
> J Steptoe"

On December 10, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Anthony Wright to answer the complaint of Joseph Ridgway for damages of $150 for trespass on the case:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting: We command you to take Anthony Wright if he be found within your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you have his body before our Justices of our Court of our County of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in March next to answer Joseph Ridgway of a plea of trespass on the Case Damage one hundred and fifty dollars And have then there this writ. Witness James Steptoe clerk of our said Court the 10th day of Decr 1816 In the 41st year of our Independence
>
> J Steptoe"

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving lists from In-dividuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	$ Cts
Apl 28	Anthony Wright	1	1	4		

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff
1.42	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Anthony Wright	prem	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		50	on the same adj William Pate
		107	on the same adj the same
		40	the same adj the same
		50	the same adj the same
		100	the same adj the same
		163	the same adj the same & Edmond pate
		59	the same adj the same

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land @ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
18W	1.36	68.00	.51		
	.25	26.75	.20		
	.67	26.80	.20		
	.89	44.50	.33		
	.98	98.00	.74		
	.57	94.91	.69		
	.75	44.25	.43		

On November 7, 1817, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/297 Anthony Wright and Elizabeth Wright sold 30 acres of land to John Fish:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 7th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventeen Between Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and John Fiser of other part all of the County of Bedford Witnesseth that the said Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars by the said John Fiser to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto him the said John Fiser his heirs &c a certain tract or parcel of Land containing thirty acres being part of tract formerly belonging to Robert Simmons of 87 acres which was offered for sale by the Sheriff of Bedford at August Court 1816 for the nonpayment of taxes when the said Anthony Wright became the purchaser of the aforesaid thirty acres together with all and Singular the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of Land with its appurtenances to ____ the said John

Fiser his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife do covenant and agree to and with the said John Fiser his heirs &c to warrant and forever defend a good and lawful right and title to the said land and premises to the said John Fiser his heirs &c against the claim of them the said Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife their hers &c and against the claim and demand of all person or persons claiming by through or under them In Witness whereof the said Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the date first written.

Signed Sealed & Deld.) Anthony Wright
In the presence of)

Bedford Clerks Office November 7th 1817 -

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Anthony Wright of the one part and John Fiser of the other was acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright and thereupon admitted to record.

Teste,
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

This was the same land as that purchased by Bedford County Deed 15/593 in 1816.

On November 18, 1817, Anthony Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of his daughter Celia Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 23:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of Horses	No. of Stud Horses
March 23	Anthony Wright	1	1	5	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & Harness belonginging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	exceeding value $200	Not exceeding in value $300	exceeding in value $300	Total amount of Taxes
						1.60

The 1818 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Anthony Wright	pre	fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		50	on B dam
		107	same
		40	same
		50	same
		100	same
		163	same
		59	same

Distance & bearings From the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ per Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land
18W	1.36	68.00	.51	
	.25	26.75	.20	
	.67	26.80	.20	
18SW	.89	44.50	.33	
	.98	98.00	.74	
	.57	94.91	.69	
	.75	44.25	.43	

On November 14, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/513 Anthony Wright sold 48 acres of land to John Pate:

"This Indenture made this 14th day of November in the Year One thousand eight hundred & eighteen between Anthony Wright & Betsy his Wife of the County of Bedford of the One part, and John Pate of the County aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Anthony Wright & Betsy his Wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of three hundred and forty four Dollars to them in hand paid by the Said John Pate the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the Said Anthony Wright and betsy his Wife Who hath Granted bargained & Sold and by these presents doth Grant bargain Sell & Confirm unto the Said John Pate a Certain Tract or parcel of Land Situate in the Said County of Bedford on Both Sides of the West fork of Beaverdam Creek Containing forty eight Acres be the Same More Or less and bounded as follows to Wit beginning at the said Wright & William Pates Corner pointers formerly a pine thence S 78º E 218 poles to a White Oak S 79 3/4 E 24 poles to a Small White Oak and Black Gum S 72-1/2 E 21 poles to a pine N 79 E at 18 poles Crossing Beaverdam Creek 37 poles to a Small White Oak on a Ridge S 55 1/2 E 18 poles to a small White Oak N 30 E 74 poles to pointers Corner to Matthew Wright thence South 89-1/2 W 163 poles to a corner pine Stump on William Pates Line thence along Said Line S 5 1/2 E 34 poles to the Beginning. To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances unto the said John Pate his heirs and assigns forever and the said Anthony Wright & Betsy his Wife for themselves and their heirs doth Covenant and agree to forever Warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of Land with its appurtenances unto the said John Pate his heirs & assigns forever against the Claims & demands of all persons Whatsoever in Witness

whereof the said Anthony Wright and Betsy his Wife hath hereunto Set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged In presence of — Anthony Wright, Betsy Wright

his
David X Barton
mark
his
Valentine X Barton
mark
his
James X Barton
mark

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Lawrence McGeorge magistrates of the said County do hereby Certify that Anthony Wright and Betsey his Wife parties to the within Conveyance have duly acknowledged the Same before us on the 14th Janr 1819 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said Conveyance may be recorded as Witness our hands and Seals

William Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Lau. McGeorge Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Betsy Wright the wife of Anthony Wright parties to a Certain Deed for the Conveyance of real Estate to John Pate bearing date on the 14th November 1818 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the said Betsy Wright acknowledged the Same to be her act & deed and declared that She had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & Seals this 14th January 1819

William Shrewsbury
Laurence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of January 1819 This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Anthony Wright & Betsy his wife of the one part and John Pate of the other, was certified by two magistrates & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe C.B.C"

On November 14, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/543 Anthony Wright purchased 14-1/2 acre from John Pate:

"This Indenture made this 14th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen Between John Pate of the County of Bedford of the one part and Anthony Wright of the County aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said John Pate for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty five Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright the Receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said John Pate who hath granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell & Confirm unto the said Anthony Wright a Certain tract or parcel of Land situate in the said County of Bedford on the East Side of the West fork of Beaverdam Creek Containing fourteen & a half Acres and bounded as followeth to Wit Beginning at Tommy Wrights Corner pine and Chesnut Oak in one Ivy Cliff thence along Said Wrights line N 89-3/4 E 72 poles to a Red Oak in Said Line off thence along Dollards Line S 55 1/2 W 93 poles to a Stake near an apple tree thence along John Talbots Old Line now Anthony Wrights N 40 W 27 poles to pointers formerly a pine Thence along said Anthony Wrights new line N 36 E 37 1/2 poles to the beginning To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with all its appurtenances unto the said Anthony Wright his heirs & assigns forever and the said John Pate for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever Warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of Land With its appurtenances Unto the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the Claims and demands of all persons Whatsoever In Witness Whereof the said John Pate hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above Written

Signed Sealed & acknowl-edgd in presence of — John Pate

David his X mark Barton

Valentine his X mark Barton

James his X mark Barton

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of March 1819 This Indenture of Bargain & Sale between John Pate of the One Part, & Anthony Wright of the Other was acknowledged by the said John Pate and ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March _:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March _	Anthony Wright	1	1	5	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not exceeding in value $300	Exceeding in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						1.60

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Anthony Wright	prem	fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		
Ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		107	On beaver dam
		40	same
		50	same
		100	same
		169	same
		59	same
		14½	On E side B dam Creek

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
	.25	96.95	.20	
	.67	26.80	.20	
	.89	26.80	.20	
	.98	98.00	.74	
	.57	94.91	.69	
	.75	44.25	.43	
	.59	7.25	.06	

This record reflects the sale of 48 acres of land to John Pate by Bedford County Deed 15/513 and the purchase of 14-1/2 acres of land from John Pate by Bedford County Deed 15/543.

On August 28, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/593 Anthony Wright purchased 30 acres of land at a Sheriff's tax sale:

> "Whereas by an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia on the 9th day of February 1814 entitled an act to amend and explain an act entitled an act Concerning taxes on Lands It is made the duty of the Sheriff to sell Lands delinquent for the non payment of the public taxes due thereon in all Cases where he Could not find property within his bailiwick belonging to the person Charged With Such taxes Liable to distress and Whereas Robt Simmons Stands Charged on the books of the Commissioner of the revenue of Bedford County with a tax of one Dollar thirty five Cents on Sixty Seven Acres of Land for the years 1813, 14 & 15 Whereon nor elsewhere in the Said County no property belonging to the sd Ro Simmons could be found Liable to the distress for the said tax and whereas the Said delinquent tract of Land Was duly advertised at the door of the Courthouse of the sd County and published in a newspaper printed in Richmond according to the manner & form prescribed by the aforesaid act and all the Other prerequisites to a Sale of delinquent Lands done and performed in relation to the aforesaid tract of Land the same was on Tuesday the 27th day of August (Insts) that being the Second day of Bedford August Court exposed to Sale at public Auction or so much thereof as would be Sufficient to discharge the arrears of taxes aforesaid with ten p Centum damage thereon together With the tax of the present year due on the said tract of Land and Charged to the said Robert Simmons for the present Year by Wm Otey D Shff of Isaac Cty H Shff in and for the aforesaid County and as Anthony Wright became the purchaser of thirty Acres of the Said tract of Land aforesaid for the Sum of two Dollars fifty Seven Cents that being the amount of taxes & arrearages due thereon for the aforesaid Year no person bidding the aforesaid Sum for a less Quantity of Land than thirty acres now this Indenture made the 28th day of August in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen between the aforesd Wm Otey D Shff as aforesaid acting on behalf of the Commonwealth as aforesaid of the one part and Anthony Wright of Bedford County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Wm Otey D Shff as aforesaid & acting in Virtue of the power Vested in him by the above recited act of Assembly for and in the consideration of the sum two Dollars fifty Seven Cents Lawful money to him in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge & Confess hath Granted bargained and Sold aliened and Confirmed and by these Presents doth grant bargain Sell alien and Confirm unto the said Anthony Wright and his heirs forever a Certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the said County of Bedford Containing thirty Acres and being a part of the Same tract or parcel of Land Standing on the books of the Commissioner of the Revenue for the Said County Charged to the aforesaid Robert Simmons with the tax aforesaid for the aforesaid four Years together with all its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs to the sole use & behoof to him the said Anthony Wright & his

heirs forever But it is distinctly understood by the parties to these presents that the Said Wm Otey SShff only Conveys to the said Anthony Wright Such title to the premises as he on the part of the Commonwealth hath a right to Convey and that the Commonwealth is in no wise whatsoever to be answerable for the title to the same or any part or parcel thereof or liable to refund the purchase money in Case of the default of the title of Robert Simmons or his heirs or for any defect of the title hereby Conveyed or any Irregularity or error of any sort or kind Whatsoever in the Sale or other proceedings the said Anthony Wright agreeing to accept of the said Wm Otey D Shff such title above as he hereby Conveys without recourse against him or the Commonwealth in any event whatever In testamony Whereof the said Wm Otey as D Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto Set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year aforesaid.

William Otey D Shff

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of May 1819 This Indenture Of bargain & Sale between the Commonwealth of the one part and Anthony Wright of the Other, was acknowledged by the said Wm Otey D Shff and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CB.C"

On October 18, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 16/56 Anthony Wright purchased 25 acres of land from John Melson:

"This Indenture made this 18th day of October in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and nineteen between John Melson of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part & Anthony Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said John Melson for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five pounds to him in hand by the said Anthony Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowedged hath granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell Confirm & deliver unto the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever one Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Twenty five be the same more or less situate in the County of Bedford and Lying on Beaverdam Creek and Bounded as follows Viz Beginning at William Andersons Corner pointers on said Creek (off) thence along Andersons line S. 89 E. 18 poles to a pine (off) thence new lines N. 22-1/2 E. 86 poles to pointers N. 24-1/2 W 130 poles to pointers in Dillard's line thence along his Line to the said Wright's own line S 82 W 18 poles to a Stump in a field Thence along his own lines S 16 1/2 E 64 poles to the Creek aforesaid thence down the Creek as it meanders to a poplar on said Creek (off) Thence S 25 E. 15 poles to a stake S 30 W. 12 poles to the first station To have & to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land together with all and singular the

appertenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said John Melson doth Covenant for himself, his heirs and assigns that he will forever Warrant and defend the said Tract or parcel of Land against the claims of all persons or manner of persons unto him the said Anthony Wright his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & Year first herein before written

John Melson

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th Oct 1819 This Indenture of bargain and sale between John Melson of the one part & Anthony Wright of the other was acknowledged by the said Melson and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe C.B.C"

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving list	Persons names chargable with the Tax	No. of white male ties above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
	Anthony Wright	1	2	5	

2 wheeled riding carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches and harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding in value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total amt of Taxes
						2.30

Proof

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	569	On Bever Dam
Ditto	"	25	On the same
Ditto	"	30	Off Common Wealth

Sum Distance and bearings from the Court house	added to the Land on Value of Land per Acre	account of the Building	Total Value	Amount of Tax ___ for every $100 Value__	Remarks
20SW	4.11	350	2338.39	2.93	
17 "	3.50	"	87.00	.11	
17 "	3.50	"	105.00	.13	

This record reflects a consolidation of Anthony Wright's previously held acreage into a single parcel of 569 acres for tax purposes and the purchase of 30 acres of land at a Sheriff's sale by Bedford County Deed 15/593 and the purchase of 25 acres of land from John Melson by Bedford County Deed 16/56.

On May 22, 1820, Anthony Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of his daughter Elizabeth Wright and Archibald Wright.

On May 22, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Melson filed a request for the dismissal of the suit of Anthony Wright vs. Charles Melson on the grounds that it had been referred to referees for settlement:

"May 22d 1820

Sir you will please to Dismiss the Suit of Anthony Wright vs Charles Melson as that suit has been refured to Referees and is settled as follows each of the partys to pay an Equal part of the Cost

Capt O C Steptoe DC

John Melson for Charles Melson"

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Anthony Wright	1	45+	1	45+
	1	26-45	2	10-16
	1	16-26	1	0-10

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	5		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
2	14-26						
1	0-14						

All Other Persons

In October 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/40 Anthony Wright was appointed guardian for Peggy Darby, Sally Darby, Stephen Darby, and Judy Darby:

> "The Court doth appoint Anthony Wright as the guardian to Peggy & Sally Darby & Stephen Darby & Judy Darby made choice of the sd Anthony Wright as their guardian who gave bond & Security according to Law"

In October 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/45 Anthony Wright was again appointed guardian for Margaret Darby, Sally Darby, Stephen Darby, and Judith Darby, orphans of James Darby who had died in the War of 1812:

> "The court doth appoint Anthony Wright as guardian to Margaret & Sally Darby children of James Darby Dec of Botetourt County who died in the service of the U__ States during the late War & Stephen Darby & Judith Darby two other children the sd James Darby Dec. made choice of the sd Anthny Wright as their guardian who gave bond & Secy according to Law at the last court"

In late 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/53 Anthony Wright was ordered to state his objections, if any, to the placement of a new road:

> "Ord. that Anthony Wright & Thomey Wright & Wm Ballard the propr_tors thro' whose land the road will run from John Pates Saw mill __ the road from Hunts mill to Lancasters petitioned for by John __ be summoned to next Court to state their objection if any to the form __"

In late 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/57 Anthony Wright requested a jury to award damages to him for the placement of a new road through his land:

> "Anthony Wright one of the proprietors of the land thro' which the road petitioned for by John Pate will run prays a writ of ad__ Damnum which is awarded, the Jury to meet the 1st of Feby."

On December 26, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/289 Anthony Wright sold 108 acres of land to his son Solomon Wright:

> "This Indenture made this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, between Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part and Solomon Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Anthony & Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and thirty two dollars paid by the said Solomon Wright have bargained, sold confirmed and delivered and by those presents do grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs, and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and state of Virginia and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning a pine stump corner to Matthem Pates survey thence along his line S. 73-2/3º, E 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam Creek, thence up the South fork of the same to the mouth of Meador branch thence along the lines of William Andersons survey N. 58- 1/2 W 47 poles to two dogwoods thence N. 14º W. 57 poles to a black oak thence N. 17º E 19 poles to a sasafras and persimmon thence new lines N. 72-1/2º W. 57 poles to a dogwood thence S. 59-1/2º W. 12 poles to a hicory thence S. 2º W. 43 poles to a black oak thence S. 26º W. 63 poles to a hickory thence S. 42º W. 23 poles to a white oak, thence S. 15-2/3º E. 35 poles to a red oak, thence N. 78- 3/4º E. 72 poles to the Beginning, Containing 108 . . . . more or less To have and to hold the said land and premises with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever; and they the said Anthony and Elizabeth Wright bind themselves their

heirs & assigns to warrant and defend the same unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness whereof the said Anthony and Elizabeth Wright have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

Anthony Wright
Elisabeth Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of April 1824. This Indenture of bargain and sale was acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright, and Elizabeth the wife of said Anthony came into Court and voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in & to the land and premises conveyed by her said husband to Solomon Wright which is also ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on February 1:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable cgargabke with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No	Stud Horses $ Cts
February 1	Anthony Wright	2	5		

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						1.76

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or for Life	N. Acres
Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	569
ditto	"	"	25
ditto	"	"	30

Description of Land	Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of land P acre including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on Acct Building
On Beaver dam	20W	4.11	350
On the same	17W	3.50	
On the same Waters	17W	3.50	

Total Value of Land and Buildings	Amount of Tax at the Rate of ___ $100 Value	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
2338.59	2.11	
87.00	.08	
105.00	.10	

In March 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/70 Anthony Wright was awarded $20 damages for the placement of a new road through his land and appointed surveyor to superintend the opening of the same:

> "Ordered that the road petitioned for by John Pate from Pates road below George Horns by Pates saw mill into the road leading by Thomas Wrights & into the road leading from Hunts mill to George Medley at Lancasters be Established agreeable to the report of Viewers. That Anthony Wright be allowed Twenty Dollars Damages & that Anthony Wright be appointed superintendant to open the same & that the hands who work under Matthew Pate & Tommy Wright Surveyors of roads do assist in opening the Same"

On May 12, 1821, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Levi Loyd and Henry Loyd executed their promissory note for $90 payable to Anthony Wright:

> "On or before the 25th day of December 1821 Levi Loyd & Henry Loyd promise to pay unto Anthony Wright the just and full sum of Ninety dollars good & lawfull money of Virginia
>
> The true payment whereof we bind ourselves, our heirs executors administrators or assigns in the penal sum of One hundred & eighty dollars like money for value received as witness our hands and Seals this 12th day of May 1821
>
> Test — Levi Loyd
> M S Gray — Henry Loyd
>
> 11 June 1822
>
> Cr By cash pd Anthony Wright $10.00"

On October 5, 1821, in the case of Elizabeth Wright v. John Wright and Tommey Wright, Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, File 1373, Anthony Wright gave his deposition and stated as follows:

> ". . . . that he knows John Wright has in possession all the property in negroes of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright except negroe Judith and her children some of which he has seen in the possession of Tommy Wright and That sometime in February last in a conversation with John Wright about our Deceased Fathers Estate, said Wright said he claimed no part of the Stock and said it was in his way at same time he saw he had no claim on the old negroes to wit Milly, Peter, Judith and her children & that Tye was hired out ever since the latter part of 1814 and further saith that he believes John Wright has had the benefit of nearly all that was made on the Estate every since our Father Died and further saith not"

In November 1821 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/175 Anthony Wright was appointed surveyor of a new road:

> "Ordered that Anthony Wright be appointed Surveyed of the new road lately opened from Pates Road below George Horns by Pates Saw Mill into Hunts Road at Thomas Lancasters & that Wilkin J Hunt, Tommy Wright Matthew Wright & Thomas Melson do allot the hands to work under said Surveyor"

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 6:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March 6	Anthony Wright	1	5	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	pheatons and stage waggons & Harness Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Riding carriages and Harness Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						1.23

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	569	On beaver dam
ditto	"	25	On the same
ditto	"	30	On the same

Derscription & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land	Sum added to the Land on acct of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land @ 9 cts p every $100 Value	Remarks
20W	4.11	350	2338.59	2.11	
17W	3.50		87.00	.08	
17W	3.50		105.00	.10	

Sometime before November 19, 1822, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Anthony Wright filed a complaint against Levi Loyd for payment of a debt of $90:

> "Anthony Wright plaintiff complains of Levi Loyd and Henry Loyd Defendants in custody &c of a plea that they render to him the sum of $180.00 which to him they owe and from him unjustly detain for this that the sd. Levi Loyd and Henry Loyd. on the 12th day of May 1821 at the parish of ____ and county of Bedford aforesd by their certain writing obligatory signed with their proper hands & sealed with their seals and to the court now here shewn the date thereof is the same day and year aforesd bound themselves to pay to the plaintiff the Sum of $90.00 on or before the 25th Day of December 1821 to which payment well and truly to be made they bound themselves their heirs &c in the penal sum of $180.00 yet the said Defendants nor either of them the said sum of $90 on or before the 25th Day of Decr. 1821 did not pay neither have they paid the same at any time since by reason whereof right and action to the plaintiff hath accrued to have and demand the first mentioned Sum of $180.00 Yet the sd Defendants nor either of them the said Sum of $180. to the plaintiff hath not paid but the same to do although often thereto requested have hitherto altogether refused & still do refuse to the plaintiff damage $50 wherefore he brings his suit
>
> Gilmer p.q."

On November 19, 1822, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Levi Loyd and Henry Chambliss executed their surety bond to secure the appearance of Levi Loyd in court to answer the complaint of Anthony Wright for payment of a debt of $180:

> "Know all men by these presents, That we Levi Loyd & Henry Chambliss are held and firmly bound unto John H Otey, Sheriff of Bedford County, in the just and full sum of One hundred & eighty dollars lawful money of Virginia, to be paid to the said John H Otey, his heirs or assigns; for the true performance whereof, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of Novr. 1822
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas Anthony Wright hath sued out of the Clerk's Office of Bedford County a writ of Capias ad Respondendum, against the body of the above bound Levi Loyd in an action of debt for the sum of one hundred & eighty dollars and damage fifty dollars which writ hath been duly executed. Now if the said Levi Loyd do make his appearance before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Courthouse of said County, on the fourth monday in this month and there to

answer the said action, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and acknowledged) Levi Loyd
in the presence of) Henry Chambliss
Richd M Scruggs DS"

On December 5, 1822, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Levi Loyd and Henry Loyd to answer the compliant of Anthony Wright for payment of a debt of $90:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting We command you as at another time you have been commanded to take Levi Loyd & Henry Loyd if they be found within your bailiwick & them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4t Monday in March Next to Answer Anthony Wright of a plea of debt for one Hundred & eighty dollars damage $50 And have then there this Writ Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 5th day of December 1822 In the 47th Year of our Independence

J. Steptoe"

On December 12, 1822, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Henry Loyd and Robert Lancaster executed their surety bond to secure the appearance of Henry Loyd in court to answer the complaint of Anthony Wright for payment of a debt of $90:

"Know all men by these presents, That we Henry Loyd & Robert Lancaster are held and firmly bound unto John H Otey, Sheriff of Bedford County, in the just and full sum of One hundred & eighty dollars lawful money of Virginia, to be paid to the said John H Otey, his heirs or assigns; for the true performance whereof, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 12 day of December 1822

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas Anthony Wright hath sued out of the Clerk's Office of Bedford a writ of Capias ad Respondendum, against the body of the above bound Henry Loyd in an action of Debt for the sum of Ninety dollars and damage $50 which writ hath been duly executed. Now if the said Henry Loyd do make his appearance before the Justices at the

Courthouse of said County, on the fourth monday in March next and there to answer the said action, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of M. D. Gody	))	Henry Loyd Robert	his X mark"	Lancaster

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
April 28	Anthony Wright	2	5		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		1.54

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	569	On Ditto
Ditto	"	25	On ditto
Ditto	"	30	On the same waters

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Value	Remarks
20W	4.11	350	2338.59	1.88	
17W	3.50		87.00	.07	
17W	3.50		105.00	.09	

On November 25, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Levi Loyd, Henry Loyd, and Henry Chambliss executed their surety bond to secure the payment by Levi Loyd and Henry Loyd of a judgment due to Anthony Wright pending their appeal:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Levi Loyd & Henry Loyd & Henry Chambliss are held & firmly bound unto Anthony Wright in the Just & full sum of Two hundred Dollars current money of Virginia for the true payment of which we bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our heirs Exors sealed with our seals & dated this 25th day of Nov 1823
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above named Anthy Wright hath recovered a judgment in the County Court of Bedford against the above bound Levi Loyd & Henry Loyd from which they have prayed an appeal to the next Superior County Law directed by Law to be holden for the county of Bedford Which is granted them Now of the sd Levi & H. Loyd shall well & truly prosecute the sd. appeal with effect perform the Judgment of the sd Superior Court & pay all such damages & Costs as shall be awarded then the above obligation to be void Else remain in full force & Virtue
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> Signd Seald & Deld.) Levi Loyd
> in presence) Henry Chambliss
> The Court"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 12:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 12	Anthony Wright	2	5	Stud Hors $8	9.54

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	569	On the same
Do	"	25	On the same
Do	"	30	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
20W	4.11	350	2338.59	1.88
7W	3.50		87.00	.07
W	3.50		105.00	.09

On September 13, 1824, Levi Loyd filed a complaint against Anthony Wright, Senior, Anthony Wright, Junior, and Stephen Haynes in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, File 548, alleging fraud in the sale of a horse:

"To the Honorable Creed Taylor Judge)
of the Superior Court of Chancery for)
The Lynchburg dictrict)

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orator Levi Loyd of the county of Bedford that some time in the year 18_ he purchased a sorrel Horse of a certain Anthony Wright Junr of the county of Franklin at the price of ninety dollars for which he executed his bond payable the 25th day of December next after said contract to the said Wright, that immediately before the said contract the said Wright warranted the said horse to be sound and healthy and your Orator avers that this warranty upon the part of the said Wright was the inducement with him to buy the horse at the price demanded - Yet notwithstanding the warranty aforesaid, and the repeated declarations of the said Wright that the said horse was sound -. The said horse was unsound and unhealthy being subject to periodical fits, and this fact was at the time of the contract aforesaid distinctly known to the said Wright your Orator expects to be able to prove that the said Horse had been taken with many fits in the presence of said Wright, and that the warranty aforesaid was intended to deceive and defraud your Orator. -

Your Orator further states that the said horse in consequence of the disease aforesaid was rendered of little or no value, that on the very day of the sale and contract aforesaid without your Orator having any intimation of the disease aforesaid whatever, traded the said horse to a certain Stephen Haynes of the county of Bedford as a sound horse and to whom your Orator is now liable upon his warranty aforesaid. -

Your Orator further represents to your Honor that the said Anthony Wright Junior is entirely without any visible property is a young man of idle habits and wholy insufficient to pay any damages that your Orator might recover of him on account of the warranty aforesaid, and in order if possible to obtain the money from your Orator has asigned the bond aforesaid to a certain Anthony Wright Senr who has obtained a judgment against your Orator on the bond aforesaid at the last term of the Superior court of Bedford and who threatens to harrass your Orator with an Execution, all which actings and doings are contrary to equity and good conscience and who manifestly to the injury and oppression of your Orator who is remediless in the premises in a court of common law and only relieveable in Equity where matters of this kind are cognisable to the end that the said Anthony Wright Junior Anthony Wright senr. and Stephen Haynes may be made Defendants to this bill and compelled to answer the allegations thereof on their corporal oaths truly and perfectly and finally may it please your Honor to enjoin the judgment at law aforesaid until the matter herein can be heard in equity, direct ans. issue or issues to determine the injury done to your Orator on account of the false Warranty aforesaid and grant process to and such other and further relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require or to your Honor may seem meet and proper &c &c

Bedford County to wit

Levi Loyd personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing bill so far as they depend on his own knowledge are true and so far as they depend on the information of other he believes to be true given under my hand and seal this 13th day of September 1824.

Chas Whitely"

"Oct term 1824

The injunction is awarded on the usual terms"

On October 25, 1824, in File 548, Anthony Wright, Jr., filed his answer denying the alleged fraud:

"To the Honourable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg district.

The Answer of Anthony Wright junr to a bill of injunction exhibit in this Court by Levi Loyd against him the said Anthony Wright junr and Anthony Wright senr and Stephen Haynes this respondent saving to himself the benefit of all exceptions to the complainants bill in answer thereto says that he did as stated in the bill sell to the complainant a horse at the price of ninety dollars; your respondent denies that he made any warranty as to the soundness of the horse & denies that the horse was unsound or that he was subject to periodical fits; whilst your respondent owned him he was a sound healthy horse & Your respondent denies any desingn to cheat said Loyd or any body else the horse was well worth the money he sold him for; the said horse was purchased by said Loyd for Stephen Haynes to whom he was immediately delivered and was never used by said Loyd in any way whatever

Your respondent utterly denies that he either did or intended to practise a fraud on said Loyd it is true he has for a valuable consideration transferred the said bond to Anthony Wright Senr who is fairly entitled to the money & having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs & that the injunction awarded the complainant may be dissolved and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

Anthony Wright junior
Calohill Mennis counsel

Bedford County to wit

This day Anthony Wright junr came before me a justice of the peace for said County & made oath that the foregoing answer is true Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1824.

A. Otey J.P."

On the same day in File 548, Anthony Wright, Senior, also filed his answer to the complaint denying any knowledge of the alleged fraud:

"To the Honourable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg district

The Answer of Anthony Wright Senr to a bill of injunction exhibited in this Court by Levi Loyd against Anthony Wright junr him the said Anthony Wright Senr & Stephen Haynes this respondent saving to himself the benefit of all exceptions to the complainants bill for answer thereto says that he was not present at the time

the horse was sold to the said Levi Loyd _____ & consequently knows nothing about the sale or the warranty & he knows nothing about any unsoundness in the horse

he bought the bond of said Anthony Wright junor & paid a full consideration for it; having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs in this behalf expended & that the said injunction be disolved & is duty bound he will ever pray

Anthony Wright Senr

Bedford County to wit - This day Anthony Wright - Senr came before me a justice of the peace for said County & made oath that the foregoing answer is true Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1824

A. Otey J.P."

And on the same day in File 548, Stephen Haynes filed his answer denying the allegations that he intended to sue Levi Loyd:

"To the Honourable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg district.

The Answer of Stephen Haynes to a bill of injunction exhibit in this Court by Levi Loyd against Anthony Wright junr Anthony Wright - senr & him the said Stephen Haynes this respondent saving to himself the benefit af all exceptions to the complainants bill for answer thereto says that he traded with said Levi Loyd for a horse which he Loyd had that day bought of Anthony Wright junr that this is the same horse mentioned in the bill; this respondent traded for him inmediately after Loyd bought him & received him out of said Wright's possession.

Your respondent kept the horse about six months; he does not believe he laboured under any disease whatever & is certain he had none that injured him; he thinks he was as good a horse as he ever owned it is true the horse had an odd & curious trick at times of stopping & throwing up his head but your respondent never looked at this as a disease it was on the contrary a mere trick & one that was of no real injury to the horse.

Your respondent parted with this horse at a price he was satisfied with he has never heard that any of his subsequent owners was dissatisfied with him. Your respondent never expressed any dissatisfaction about this horse to Loyd or any body else never threatened or intended to sue Loyd or any body else about him indeed he was very well pleased with his trade he is therefore much astonished Loyd should make him a party to this suit & put him to the trouble of putting in an

answer if Loyd had come to him he would have released him in any way from all liability to him from his warranty & he now declares that he holds the said Loyd in no way responsible under his warranty with respect to the horse & discharges him from liability under it & having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs in his behalf expended & as &c.

Stephen Haynes

Bedford County to wit

This day Stephen Haynes personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that the foregoing answer is true Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1824.

A. Otey J.P."

The case was thereafter dismissed:

"May term 1825 decree

resolved - the defendants having filed their ansr. and thereby denied the accusations of the bill to be true, this ___ on behalf(?) of the _____"

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 24:

_____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
March 24	Anthony Wright	3	5		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		2.01

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	On the same
Do	"	25	On the same
Do	"	30	On the same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20W	4.10	350	1894.71	1.52	
17W	3.50		87.00	.07	
17W	3.50		105.00	.09	

This record reflects the sale of 108 acres of land to his son Solomon Wright in 1820 by Bedford County Deed 18/289.

On December 10, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/132 Anthony Wright sold 6 acres of land to John Pate:

> "This Indenture made this 10th day of December in the year of Lord 1825, between Anthony Wright of Bedford county & State of Virginia of the one part, and John Pate of the other part, witnesseth, that the said Anthony Wright for and in consideration of the sum of thirty two dollars, to him in hand paid by the said John Pate the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the Anthony Wright, who hath granted bargained & sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell & confirm unto the said John Pate a certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the said county on the waters of Beaverdam Creek, adjoining the land heretofore sold by the said Anthony Wright to the said John Pate on which he erected a Mill, containing six acres, one rood and twenty five poles, and bounded as follows, viz, beginning at a maple & chesnut stump on the north side of the road leading by said Pates mill thence S. 48 E. 5 poles to a double chesnut on the north side of said road S. 70 E. 40 poles to a sorrel on the edge of said road N. 28 E. 56 poles to a double white oak north 2 W. 23 poles, to Matthew Wrights corner pointers, S. 30 W. 74 poles to a white oak, N. 55-1/2 W. 18 poles to a white oak S. 79 W. 13 poles to the beginning To have and to hold the said tract of land with its appurtenances unto the said John Pate his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Anthony Wright for himself & his heirs doth covenant & agree to forever warrant and defend the above sold tract of Land, with its appurtenances, unto the said John Pate, his heirs and assigns

forever against the claims & demands of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Anthony Wright hath hereunto 555 his hand & seal, this the day and year first above written

Anthony Wright

At a Court held for Bedford county at the courthouse Novr 30th 1826 The preceeding Indenture was acknowledged by the above named Anthony Wright, to be his act and deed and was ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 15:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c
April 15	Anthony Wright	1	3	5	

Amot of Tax $	Cts
2.01	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	On beaver dam
Do	"	25	" " "

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20W	4.10	350	1894.71	1.52	
17W	3.50		87.00	.07	

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 24:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 24	Anthony Wright	3	4		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		1.89

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	On the Same
Do	"	19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20W	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

This record reflects the sale of 6 acres from the 25 acre parcel by Bedford County Deed 20/132.

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 9:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Charged With Tax	Slaves Above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 9	Anthony Wright	4	4

Stud Horses No $ Tax	____ & Harness No $ Tax	pheatons & Stage Waggons No. $ Tax	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
			2.36

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	on the same
Do	"	19	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20W	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on February 23:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Mules Colts & Mares	Stud No $ Cts
February 23	Anthony Wright		4	4	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & Harness not exceeding in value $100	Above the value of $100	Faytons Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto Carry Alls & Jersey Waggons	Amt of Tax
			2.00

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	On the same
Do	"	19	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation	
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
	Anthony Wright	1	4	5	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			1.80

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Anthony Wright		461	On Beaver Dam
Do		19	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value	
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
	3.50		66.50	.06	

In March 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/65 Anthony Wright was appointed to view the way for a new road to the Staunton River:

> "Ordered that Edmund Pate, Anthony Wright, James Mayse, Littleberry Wright and Elijah Carner or any three of them being first sworn do view a way for a road from Dr. Cabells Mill to James Paynes ford on Stanton river, and report to Court, truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as to the public generally in Case said proposed Road Should be established"

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Anthony Wright with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Anthony Wright	1	60-70	1	60-70
	1	30-40	3	20-30
	1	5-10	1	15-20
			2	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
		1	36-55				

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
15					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Anthony Wright and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright were born between 1760 and 1770.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on January 31:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts &c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
	Anthony Wright	4	5			1.30

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Anthony Wright	Bedford	461	On Beaver dam Cr
Do	"	19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

In February 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/222 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of Anthony Wright as guardian of the heirs of James Darby:

> "Ordered that Israel James, Elias James, James Wright & Edmund Pate or any one or more of these being first Sworn do settle the Guardian account of the heirs of James Darby decd with Anthony Wright their Guardian & report to Court"

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Anthony Wright	1	4	4	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	1.24

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Anthony Wright	Bed	461	On Beaver Dam
Do	"	19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Anthony Wright	1	5	6

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
		1.61	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Anthony Wright	Bed	461	On Beaver dam Cr
Do	"	19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

In July 1833 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/175 Anthony Wright was ordered to allot the hands to repair a road:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate, Isaac James & Anthony Wright, allott and assign the hands of Peter Feather & ____ Bandy surveyors of roads."

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Anthony Wright	1	5	7

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		1.67

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Anthony Wright	Bed	461	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	____
20SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

On September 6, 1834, Anthony Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of his daughter Mary Wright and David Gish.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	Anthony Wright	1	5	7

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	1.67	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of Land January 1st 1835
Anthony Wright	Bed	461	On Beaver dam Creek
do		19	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100
20 SW	4.11	350	1894.71	1.52
" "	3.50		66.50	.06

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Anthony Wright	1	6	9

Carriages& Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
2.04	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of Land January 1st 1836
Anthony Wright		461	On Bever dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improve-ments Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20 SW	4.11	350	1894.74	1.52	
" "	3.50		66.50	.06	

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on February 10:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
Feby 10	Anthony Wright	1	5	8

Studs Carriages &c	Tax $ Cts
1.73	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1837
Anthony Wright		461	On Bever dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land
20 SW	4.11	350	1894.74	1.52
" "	3.50		66.50	.06

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 15:

	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Apl 15	Anthony Wright	2	5	11

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
2.38	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1838
Anthony Wright		461	On Bever dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20	4.11	350	1894.74	1.90	
20 SW	3.50		66.50	.07	

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 2:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Mch 2nd	Anthony Wright	2	5	9

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		2.22

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land March 1st 1839
Anthony Wright		461	On Bever dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
20 SW	4.11	350	1894.74	1.90	
" "	3.50		66.50	.07	

On August 6, 1839, Anthony Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of his daughter Agness Wright and George Wheeler.

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 27:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Apl 27	Anthony Wright	2	5	7

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		2.06

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
Anthony Wright		461	On Bever dam Cr
do		19	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts
20 SW	4.87	400	2245.07	2.25
" "	4.00		76.00	.08

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Anthony Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Anthony Wright	1	70-80	1	70-80
	1	50-60	1	20-30

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				2	24-36	1	24-36
				2	10-24	1	0-10

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
10		4				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

Assuming that the oldest male in the households for the 1810 through 1840 Censuses for Bedford was Anthony Wright, his date of birth can be calculated as between 1765 and 1770. Assuming that Anthony Wright's wife Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright was the oldest female in the households listed in the censuses from 1810 to 1840, her birth date would be between 1765 and 1770.

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 Anthony Wright was appointed to survey the route of a road to Pea Town:

> "On the Petition of Edmund Pate, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for the purpose, do view a way for a road from the Crossroads near Gish's store to intersect the road from James Paynes to Pea Town; and report to Court truly, and impartially, the conveniences & inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the advantages which will result to the several proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

In January 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/159 Anthony Wright was appointed to survey the route of a second road:

> "On the Petition of Thomas Bandy, it is ordered that James Wright, Joel Wright, Thomas Melson, Anthony Wright & Beverley Corley, or any three of them, being first sworn for that purpose, do view a way for a road from Hardys road near James Corleys passing his Mill at the mouth of Falling Creek to intersect the proposed road from the Crossroads to Paynes road at the next suitable point - And report to Court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences which will result as well to individuals as the public generally, in case said proposed road should be established - also that said Viewers report the

advantages which will result to the proprietors by the establishment of said road, and all other matters required by law"

On January 25, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/103 Anthony Wright sold 60 acres of land to his daughter Elizabeth Wright and his grandson Anthony P. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of January 1841 between Anthony Wright Sen. of one part & Elizabeth Wright widow and relic of Arche Wright deceased (and daughter of said Anthony Wright Sen.) and Anthony Wright Jr. son of the said Elizabeth Wright of the other part, all of the County of Bedford Witnesseth that for the love and affection which the said Anthony Wright Sen. bears to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. and for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid by the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright Sen. who has given and hereby conveys, transfers, and delivers to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, adjoining the land of Phebe Wright, William Anderson, Couters, James Payne and others, containing by estimation about Sixty acres more or less the land hereby given and conveyed being comprehended between the County of the individuals before mentioned and a blazed line made by the said Anthony Wright Ser. commencing in Matthew Pates line on a pine and running nearly a north course (though not a straight line,) passing through the old field adjoining the plantation on which George Wheeler now lives and stricking Phebe Wrights line on a white oak which is hereby made a corner. To have and to hold the aforesaid land contained within the boundaries before mentioned and supposed to be about Sixty acres, more or less with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. their heirs executors, admr or assignes. The said Anthony Wright Sen. doth covenant and agree for himself and his heirs to warrant and forever defend the right and title of said land described as aforesaid free from the claim of all persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the said Anthony Wright Sen. has set his hand and seal the date herein before written.

Teste
Edmd. Pate
William H. Anderson
Joel Basham

Anthony Wright Sr.
her
Elizabeth X Wright wife
mark
of Anthony Wright Sen.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of May 1841.

This deed from Anthony Wright Sen. to Elizabeth Wright & Anthony Wright Jr. was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Edmund Pate one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at a Court held for said County the 29 day of June 1841, the said deed was further proved by the oath of William H. Anderson and Joel Basham the other subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 10:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
March 10	Anthony Wright	1	5	6

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		2.75

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
Anthony Wright		461	On beverdam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
20 SW	4.87	400	2245.07	2.81
" "	4.00		76.00	.10

In July 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/221 Anthony Wright was ordered to provide hands for the building of a road:

> "Bandy's petition for a road. This day came the petitioner and the Summons awarded against the proprietors of the lands through which said road is proposed to be conducted, having been duly Summoned and not appearing, on the motion of the petitioner, and all the Circumstances being weighed, the Court doth order that the said road be established agreeably to the report of the viewers, and the Court doth order that the said Thomas Bandy with his own hands, and the hands of Anthony Wright, Elizabeth Wright, James Payne, Matthew Pate and Edmund Pate, open the said road and putit in condition for use."

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on March 8:

Date of Receiving the Lists	No. of Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mch 8	Anthony Wright	1	4	5

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd rilding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		2.35

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Anthony Wright		401	On Bever Dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.87	400	1952.86	2.45	off to E & A Wright
18 "	4.00		76.00	.10	60a

This record reflects the sale of 60 acres of land from the 461 acre parcel by Bedford County Deed 29/103.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
Apl 6	Anthony Wright	1	5	5	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts
					Wood	.25

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts
			3.25

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Anthony Wright		401	On Bever Dam Cr
do		19	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.87	400	1952.86	2.93	
20 "	4.00		76.00	.12	

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household on May 23:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	Anthony Wright	1	4	6	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Watches	Silver Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents
____	___	
		2.60

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	401	On Beaver dam Cr adj Mathew Pate

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	_____	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.87	400	1952.86	2.44	

On March 1, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/50 Anthony Wright gifted 60 acres of land to his daughter Agness (Wright) Wheeler and her children:

> "This Indenture made and indented this 1st day of March 1844 between Anthony Wright Senr. of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Agness Wheeler and her children of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that said Anthony Wright for and in consideration of his natural love, which he hath and do bear for his daughter Agness Wheeler and her children and for the further consideration of one dollar current money of Virginia to him paid in hand by the said Agness Wheeler and her children at or before the sealing of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and hath this day given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell unto said Agness Wheeler and her children their heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of falling creek suposed to be sixty acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Begining on a post oak in Pheby Wright's line near the end of the land then off a new blased line, south west to Thomas or Cornelius Bandy's line near a branch, then

South allong Bandy's line to Anthony P. Wright and his mothers line then along their line East to Pheby Wright's line, thence along her line to the begining it being the tract of land whereon George Wheeler now resides. To have and to hold the above tract or parcel of land with all its singular appurtenances thereunto belonging the said Anthony Wright doth covenant and with Agness Wheeler and her children agree to warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract of land forever and against the claims of all persons or maner of persons whatsoever that may hereafter come against said land. In testimony whereof the said Anthony Wright hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first written.

Signed Sealed & acknowl-edged in presents of — Anthony Wright Snr

In Bedford Clerks office March 4th 1844

This deed of gift from Anthony Wright Snr. to Agness Wheeler and children was produced in the office acknowledged by said Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1	3	3	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.69

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
Anthony Wright		fee	341	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.87	400	1660.67	1.66	

This record reflects the gift of 60 acres by Bedford County Deed 31/50.

D.A.R. Genealogical Records, Bedford County, Virginia, citing a Bible record of Joseph Wright Mays of Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia, stated that Betsey Wright, whose name was listed adjacent to Anthony Wright's, died in April 1845.

On November 28, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/339 Anthony Wright sold 400 acres of land to Christopher Preston:

> "This Indenture made this 28' day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five between Anthony Wright of the County of Bedford of the one part and Christopher Preston of the County of Franklin of the other part Witnesseth, that the Said Anthony Wright for and in consideration of the Sum of Seventeen hundred & fifty dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto the the said Christopher Preston his heirs or assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of Matthew Pate, Ann Baily, George Wheeler, Phoebe Wright, Wm Anderson, Polley Melson, T Melson, D Jordan & Jno Q Wright containing four hundred acres be the Same more or less and bounded as follows, Viz, Beginning at a corner box oak corner to Said land George Wheeler & Phebee Wright, and then run so as to include all the land which is around & claimed by the Said Anthony Wright & Sold & conveyed by this deed to Said Christopher Preston. Together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any ways appurtaining. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and premises with all and singular the appurtenances thereonn belong_ing unto him the Said Christopher Preston his heirs or assigns forever and he the Said Anthony Wright doth by these presents warrant and forever defend the said granted land and premises free from the just claim or demand of him or his heirs or any other person or persons whomsoever. In Witness whereof the Said Anthony Wright hath hereund set his hand and seal the day & year first above written
>
> Anthony Wright
>
> Bedford County to Wit
>
> We Matthew Pate & Jno Claytor Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Anthony Wright a party to the within deed bearing date on the 28 day of November 1845 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the Same to be his act & deed and desired us to Certify the Same to the Clerk of the county

court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands Seals the day and date above written

Matthew Pate JP
Jno Claytor JP"

At a Court held for Bedford County April 27" 1846

The deed from Anthony Wright to Christopher Preston was produced in court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe CBC"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
	.23	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	341	On Beaverdam adj Matthew Pate &c

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.87	400	1660.67	1.66	

Anthony Wright married as his second wife Catherine "Kitty" (Wright) St. Clair, the daughter of 1826 John Wright and the widow of John St. Clair. The marriage bond of Anthony Wright and Katherine Sinclair was dated on September 24, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety:

"I do hereby Certify that Anthony Wright has my Approbation to obtain Lisense from the Clerk of Bedford county Court for the Intermariage of him and myself Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1846

test Katharine Sincler
Anthony P Wright

Know all men by these Presents - That we, Anthony Wright and Anthony P. Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 24th day of September 1846

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Anthony Wright and Katharine Sinclair Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c, Anthony Wright
in presence of Anthony P Wright"

On November 16, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/507 Anthony Wright purchased the 1/7 remainder interest of Edward D. St. Clair and Nancy, his wife, in the 168 acres of land left as a life estate by John St. Clair to his wife Catherine:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 16th day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty Six between Edward W St. Clair and Nancy his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part and Anthony Wright Sr. of the Same County of the Second part Witnesseth the Said Edward W St. Clair & Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of two hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Anthony Wright Sr. at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said Edward W St. Clair & Nancy his wife hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain, Sell, alien, enfeoff, and confirm, unto the Said Anthony Wright Sr. his heirs executors admrs and assigns "all the Said Edward W St. Clair's & Nancy his wife's Interest in & to all the real estate left by John St. Clair decd. to his widow Catharine St. Clair during her natural life or widowhood and then to revert to his children to be equally divided, them Said Edward W St. Clair & Nancy his wife being entitled to one full undivided Seventh part thereof. Said land lying and being in the County of Bedford Containing 168 acres more or less and bounded by the lands of William J. Walker, S. H

Crenshaw John Huddleston & James McManaway and perhaps others" the right or title to the aforesaid Interest conveyed the said Edward W St. Clair & Nancy his wife for themselves their being executors & admrs doth warrant and forever defend free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs executors or administrators, or any other persons whatsoever unto the Said Anthony Wright Sr. his heirs executors admrs or assigns.

In testimony whereof We have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year first mentioned

Sealed and delivered) in presence of)

Edward W St. Clair

Nancy her X mark St. Clair

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Edward St. Clair party to a certain deed bearing date the 16" day of November 1846 and hereunto annexed personally came before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed & desired us to Certify Said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Witness our hands and seals this 20th day of November 1846

Jno. Claytor JP
William Mead JP

Bedford County to Wit

We Jno Claytor and William Mead Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Nancy St. Clair wife of Edward St. Clair party to a certain deed bearing date the 16th day of November 1846 and hereunto annexed personally came before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privately and apart from her husband and having Said deed fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same, and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of November 1846

Jno Claytor JP
William Mead JP

Bedford Clerks office December the 8" 1846

This deed of conveyance of real estate from Edward W St. Clair & Nancy his wife to Anthony Wright Sr. was produced in the office certified and admitted to record

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe CBC"

On January 20, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/11 Anthony purchased a similar interest from Joseph D. St. Clair and Lucinda, his wife:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 20th day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty seven between Joseph D St Clair and Lucinda W his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part and Anthony Wright of the same county of the second part Witnesseth that the aforesaid Joseph D St. Clair & Lucinda his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to them in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the aforesaid Anthony Wright his heirs or assigns all the Interest right title & claim in and to the real estate of which the late John St. Clair died seized that they the said Joseph D St. Clair and Lucinda W his wife are now entitled to as one of the heirs and distributees under the last will and testament of the aforesaid John St. Clair decd be that what it may together with all and Singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging to or in any way appurtaining. To have and to hold the the aforesaid Interest and all and singular the premises herein before mentioned unto the said Anthony Wright his heirs or assigns forever and the said Joseph D St. Clair and Lucinda W his wife doth warrant and defend the aforesaid Interest & share to him the aforesaid Anthony Wright his heirs &c forever free free from the claim of themselves their heirs &c and free from the claim of all and every other person or persons whomsoever. In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands & seals this day and year first above written

Joseph D St. Clair
Lucinda W St. Clair

Bedford County to Wit

We Robert Campbell & Paschal Buford Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Joseph D St. Clair a party to the within deed bearing date on the 20th day of January 1847 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be

his act and deed and desired us to certify this his said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded and we do further certify that Lucinda W St. Clair wife of the said Joseph D St. Clair and a party to the deed aforesaid being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she declared that she had willing signed sealed and delivered the same that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of Jany 1847

Robert Campbell J.P.
Paschal Buford J.P.

Bedford County Court January the 25th 1847

This deed of conveyance from Joseph D St. Clair & Lincinda W his wife to Anthony Wright conveying an interest in his fathers estate was produced in court, certified & ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C"

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1	1	1	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on State or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.75

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list Anthony Wright, which reflects the sale of the remainder of his land by Bedford County Deed 32/339.

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1	1	1	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.65

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1	1	1	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.76½

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony Wright	1		1	1	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax
		1				

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
		.74½

D.A.R. Genealogical Records, Bedford County, Virginia, citing the Bible record of Joseph Wright Mays, listed the death of Anthony Wright as August 1850. That date of death is confirmed in the complaint filed in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, Case No. 682, regarding his estate and discussed more fully below.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Catharine Right with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Catharine Right	60	F			$1,100
Adaline St. Clair	30	F			
Cathorin St. Clair	21	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Anthony Wright had died before the census was taken.

Following Anthony Wright's death and on September 20, 1850, his sole surviving son Joseph Wright and one of his daughters Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey nominated his grandson Anthony P. Wright to be administrator of the estate. A copy of that nomination is in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 and provided as follows:

> "I do here by certify that it is my request that A. P. Wright serve as admistrator of my father estat and also that the said A. P. Wright be appointed the comitioner to sell the above property mention
>
> 20 of September 1850 Joseph Wright
> Test
> Elmers Dilherce(?) Elizabeth her X mark Ramsey
> Robert C. Ramsey"

In about September 1850 Anthony P. Wright instituted a suit in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File No. 682, for an order authorizing the sale of Anthony Wright's land to satisfy the division of the estate among the widow Catherine and Anthony Wright's descendants. All of the potential distributees, except Rhoda (Wright) Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright who were out of the state, joined in the request for the sale. The complaint provided as follows:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit your oratrix Catharine his widow is entitled to one third of the said real estate and slaves for life -

William Wright & Rhoda his wife to one share -

Your orator Joseph Wright to one share -

Thomas Wright and Celia his wife to one share -

Your orator and oratrix George Wheeler and Agnes his wife to one share

Your orator & oratrix Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife to one share

Your orator & oratrix Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife to one share

Your oratrix Polly Gish to one share - and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, and the above named William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Thomas Wright and Celia his wife reside out of the limits of this state - they further state that the land is not worth $300 to each distributive share and could not be divided without greatly impairing the value thereof, and it will be seen from the number of distributees that the slaves being only four in number cannot be divided in kind, and that it is not necessary that any of the slaves should be sold for the payment of debts of the said intestate - Your oratrix Catharine is willing that all the slaves may be sold and she receive the interest on one third of the sales during her life or a sum certain in lieu of her life estate -

They further state that the intestate in his life time made advancements to some of his children with which they should be charged -

To the end therefore that they may obtain the relief to which they are entitled they pray that the said Anthony P. Wright admr of the said Anthony Wright - decd the said Thomas Wright and Celia his wife William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Jubal J. Wright may be made parties defendants to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof - May it please your worships to appoint discreet persons to lay off the dower to the widow of the said Anthony Wright and also commissioners to sell the residue of the land and the slaves hereinbefore mentioned for distribution among those entitled may an account of advancements made by the intestate in his lifetime to his children be taken & may an order of publication be awarded against the absent defts Thomas Wright and Celia his wife and William Wright and Rhoda his wife, a Guardian ad litem be appointed for the infant defendant Jubal J. Wright, the Commonwealth writ of Subpoena commanding etc and all such other and further relief as the nature of their case may require and equity and good conscience dictate - and as in duty bound they will ever pray etc

Johnson J (?) Campbell
attorneys for Complainants"

This record identifies the family of Anthony Wright as follows:

Wife: Catherine (____) Wright

Children:
1) Rhoda (Wright) Wright,
2) Joseph Wright,
3) Celia (Wright) Wright,
4) Agnes (Wright) Wheeler,
5) Elizabeth (Wright) Ramsey,
6) Malinda (Wright) Mays,
7) Polly (Wright) Gish

Grandchildren:
1) Thomas A. Wright,
2) Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant,
3) Joel M. Wright,
4) Jeremiah Wright,
5) Solomon M. Wright,
6) Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor, and
7) Jubal J. Wright.

In November 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/434 Cornelius Pate was ordered to settle the accounts of Catharine Wright as executrix of the estate of her first husband John St. Clair:

> "By consent of parties it is ordered that Cornelius Pate being first sworn for the purpose state and settle the accounts between Catharine Wright formerly Catharine St Clair, Executrix of John St Clair deceased with the Legatees of said decedent and make report thereof to Court."

In December 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/459 the court ordered an allotment of dower and sale of slaves of the estate of Anthony Wright:

> "Wright &c v Wrights admrs &c Chy - It appearing to the Court that the order of publication awarded in this cause against the absent defendants William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Thomas Wright and Celia his wife has been published in the Bedford Sentinel a newspaper published in the town of Liberty for four consecutive weeks and more than one month having elapsed since the due publication thereof, on motion of the plaintiffs their bill as to them is taken for confessed, and thereupon this day this cause came on to be heard on the bill of the plaintiffs the order of publication aforesaid which appears to have been published according to law the answer of Anthony P Wright administrator of Anthony Wright Deceased the answer of Jubal J Wright by John M Reese his guardian ad litem, the replications thereto and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the land in the bill mentioned is not worth the sum of three hundred dollars to each distributive share, and that the slaves cannot be divided in kind, doth adjudge order and decree that Fielden H Jeter, John Huddleston, William Mead and George P Luck deputy surveyor of Bedford any three of whom may act are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose do lay off and allot to Catharine the Widow of Anthony P Wright Decd one third part of the land in the Bill mentioned as and for her dower therein having regard to quantity and quality, and that James F Johnson who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do after having given at least two weeks notice of the time and place of sale by notice in the Bedford Sentinel and at the most public places in the neighborhood do sell the land subject to the widows dower and the slaves in the Bill mentioned to the highest bidder at public auction the land on a credit of one & two years equal instalments and the slaves on a credit of twelve months except that the sum of Ten dollars in cash may be required on each of the slaves, taking from the purchasers bonds with good personal security and retaining the title to the land subject to resale in default of the payment of the purchase money, and report his proceedings to this Court in order to a further decree"

The inventory and appraisement of Anthony Wright's estate was filed on April 12, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Order Book A/134 and showed a value of $568.92:

"Inventory and list of appraisements of the Personal Estate of Anthony Wright decd

	Appraisement
1 Walnut Cupboard & contents $10.50 1 Can 3/9	$ 71.13
3 plates & 1 dish 25¢ 1 small Teaboard 37¢	.62
2 Bowls 50¢ 3 dishes 75¢ 1 Folding Table $6.50 1 wood clock $5.00	12.75
1 Bedstead Featherbed & furniture $15.00 4 table cloths $2.75	17.75
2 Yarn Counterpanes $7- 1 Cotton ditto $2.50	9.50
2 bed Quills & 1 Counterpane $3- 2 sheets $1 - 1 hair trunk $2.50¢	6.50
1 Trundle bed and furniture $8.00 1 Flax wheel $3.00	11.00
1/2 doz Windsor chairs $2.40 1 cotton wheel & 1 pair of cards $2	4.40
1 Check reel $1.25 1 womans saddle & Bridle & blanket &c $3.00	4.25
1 Flax wheel 50 cents 1 large jugg 50 cents 1 wheat sieve 50 cents	1.50
1 Chestnut sorrel mare $50 1 pair old traces backband &c 25¢	50.25
1 Cutting knife & box 1- 2 steers $20- 1 Bull $6.00,1 wheat fan $3.00	30.00
1 No horne cow & calf $9- 2 pole axes 1- 1 spade .25¢	10.25
Sundries in smoke house 38¢ 1 pot & hooks 75.1 shovel & pan handle 25¢	1.38
1 skillet & pot 75¢ 1 Oven & lid & hooks 1- 1 table 50¢	2.25
2 Pot racks $1.50 1 pail, Noggin & wash pan 50¢1 Churn 88¢	2.88
1 Tea kettle 75¢ 1 Bell Mettle Do 2- 1 Butter pot 62¢	3.37
1 Tin bale 25¢ 2 bran bags 25 1 tumey plough $5.00	5.50
	184.28

The above property fell into the estate of Anthony Wright decd by his intermarriage with the widow of John St Clair deceased

1 Two horse wagon & hay frame $50- 1 bay mare $50-1 bay horse $60	$160.00
1 sett hind gear to Wagon $12- 1 fork & shovel 50¢	
12 hogs of $3.00 each	48.50
1 Boar $2.00 1 lot Oats $5.00- 1 lot hay 50¢ 2 no horne cows $20-	$27.50
1 no horns cow & calf $9- 2 Trace chains .75¢ 1 keg .50¢	10.25
2 Shovel ploughs & Stocks 50¢ 1 Mowing blade $1- 1 sythe & cradle $1.00	2.50
1 lot Wheat straw .50¢ 1 lot blade fodder $4.50 1 lot top fodder $1.00	6.00
37 Bushels wheat at .65 cents $20.15¢. 35 barrels	
3 bushels corn $2.00 per barrel = $71.20¢	91.35
1 Pole axe $1- 1 hilling hoe .25¢ 1 powdering tub .75¢	2.00
6 empty barrels .88¢ 1 skillet, 25¢ 2 painted buckets .37¢	1.50
2 Grain hogsheads $2.00 1 half bushel 25¢ 1 wash pot $1.25¢	3.50
5-3/4 bushels oats 1/6 $1.44 1 butterpot .25¢ 1 pan handle 10¢	1.79
1 Mans saddle & 2 sheep skins $8.00 1 jugg 25¢ 1 chest $3.00	11.25

1 Trunk & plates .75¢ 1 Bedstead bed & furniture $10.00	10.75
3 Sheets 1 Quilt & counterpane $3.50 1 arm chair 50¢	4.00
1 lot leather 25¢ 1 pair saddle bags $3.50	3.75
	$384.67
Add the Amount of the within St Clairs part estate	184.28
	$568.92

At a circuit court held for Bedford County April 12th 1851

The foregoing inventory and appraisement of the estate of Anthony Wright deceased was produced in court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jos Wilson clerk"

On April 12, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Order Book A/135 a list of estate assets sold on November 23, 1850, was recorded:

"List of property sold at Anthony Wrights decd on the 8th day of November 1850 by Anthony P. Wright administrator

Purchasers Names	Property sold	Price	
Edward St Clair	1 pale red cow	$10.00	
Joseph Noble	1 " " "	5.00	
Harvey McManaway	1 Muly "	5.05	
John Huddleston	2 Steers at $9.30 each	18.60	
John Huddleston	1 Bull	5.80	
Henry Tiny	3 Calves $1.10 $1.40 $&1.20	3.70	
Burwell Stiff	1 Wagon & hayframe	65.00	113.15
James Wright	1 pair traces	.75	
John Claytor	1 Halter chain	.32	
Joel M Wright	1 set hind gear	11.00	
Henry Huddleston	1 pair Wagon tires	.75	
Grief R Adams	1 Colter & Bridle	.65	
Do Do	2 Blind bridles at .40 & 58¢	.98	
John Q. A. Wright	1 Two horse plough &c	3.95	18.40
Henry P. Williamson	1 Bay Mare	50.00	
Robert Ramsey	1 Bay Mare	$65.00	
Anthony P Wright	" " horse	60.00	
Do Do	1 snaffle bridle	.25	
Catherine Wright	4 hogs 1st choice at $4.12½¢ each	16.50	
John Q. A Wright	4 " 2nd " at $3.40¢ each 13.60		
Do Do	4 " 3rd choice at $3.30¢ each	15.22	218.55

Joseph Noble	1 Boar	1.47	
Cathirine Wright	1 lot Oats & hay	5.50	
Do Do	10 Bushels Wheat at .50¢	5.00	
Robert Ramsey	10 " " at 63¢	6.30	
John H. Baltimore	6 " " at .54¢	3.24	
Joel M. Wright	1½ Bushel	.15	
Isham Huddleston	1 Grain hogshead	.75	
James W. Garner	5-3/4 Bushels Oats at 30¢	1.72	24.13
Cathirine Wright	5 Barrels corn at $2.10	10.50	
Do Do	5 " " at $2.40	12.00	
Henry St Clair	5 " " at $2.50	12.50	
Grief R. Adams	5 " " at $2.50	12.50	
Henry P. Williamson	8 " " at $2.50	20.00	
Henry St. Clair	2½ " Nubinds(?) at $1.25	3.12	
James W. Garner	1 Brier Sythe	.87	71.51
James O. Wright	1 Shovel plough & stock	1.00	
John Q. A. Wright	1 " " "	.86	
Percival White	1 Clovis & pin	.25	
Cathirine Wright	1 Wheat fan $2.00- 1 lot shucks $1.50	3.50	
Isham Huddleston	1 old barrel	.05	
Henry St Clair	1 sythe & Cradle	1.00	
Cathirine Wright	1 lot Greens 25¢ 1 brass kettle $1.50	1.75	8.41
Do Do	1 Rundleth 50¢ 1 powdering tub 50¢	1.00	
Do Do	2 barrels 25¢. 1 tray & sifter 35¢	.60	
Do Do	5 bags 50¢ 1 sand seive 60¢	1.10	
James W. Garner	1 Fat tub 31¢ 1 pole axe $1.17	1.48	
Cathirine Wright	1 lot potatoes	.10	
Grief R. Adams	1 Pole axe	.20	
Joel Franklin	1 skillet	.40	
Ned Medley	1 pair saddle bags	.12	
Philip Saunders	1 shovel & Spade	.40	5.40
Anthony P. Wright	1 pair saddle bags	3.75	
Isham Huddleston	1 Linen Wheel	1.00	
William I. Walker	1 mans saddle & Martingales	5.45	
James Wright	1 Tand sheep Skin	.12	
John D Melson	1 " " "	.40	
Cathirine Wright	1 Trundle bed & sheets & stead	3.00	
Do Do	1 Trunk $2- 1 straw bed 25¢	2.25	
Do Do	1 lot bed clothes	2.00	
Do Do	1 Flax wheel $2.50 1 Cupboard $8.00	11.50	488.02
Cathirine Wright	2 dishes & 4 plates .62 1 Pitcher 13¢	$ .75	
Samuel H. Claytor	1 Tea pot & pitcher	.25	
Cathirine Wright	2 Bowls & pitcher 25¢ 1 sugar dish 12¢	.37	
Do Do	2 Pitchers 75¢ 5 tumblers & waiter 50¢	1.25	

Do	Do	1 set spoons & ladle 31¢ Tray & dish 25¢	.50	
Do	Do	1 Water can 25¢ 1 tea tray 13¢	.38	
Do	Do	1 Clock 2.00 1 cut reel 75¢	2.75	
Samuel H. Claytor		1 pair cotton cards	.12	
William Franklin		1 Circingle	.20	
Cathirine Wright		1 Chest $1.00 1 decanter 10¢	1.10	
Joseph Mays		5 Earthen plates	.39	
Samuel H. Claytor		1 small trunk 70¢ 1 Quilt 25¢	.95	$9.07
Do	Do	1 Quilt 72¢ 2 pillow slips & sheet 40¢	1.13	
Grief R Adams		1 " 76¢ 1 white counterpane 1.55	2.31	
William Lawhorn		1 counterpane $2.40 1 sheet 19¢	2.59	
Do	Do	1 Featherbed & pillows	5.00	
Samuel H. Claytor		1 sheet 5¢ 1 lot leather 27¢	.32	
Anthony P Wright		1 Blanket 22¢ 1 arm chair 30¢	.52	
Do	Do	1 Bedstead & mat	.57	
Robert St Clair		1 Counterpane	2.65	
Joel Franklin		2 sheets 56¢ 1 jugg	.71	
Grief R. Adams		1 Large jugg 16¢ 1 straw bed 82¢	.98	
Cathirine Wright		1 lot corn 6.25¢ 1 lot bran 6¢	6.31	
Do	Do	4 table cloths 2.75 1 saddle $3.00	5.75	
Do	Do	2 pot racks 1.50 1 lot tops 1.00	2.50	
Do	Do	1 hilling hoe 25¢ 1 bucket 37¢	.62	
Do	Do	1 pot 75¢ 1 pan handle 10¢	.85	32.81
				$529.90

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the sale book kept by me at sale Given under my hand the 23rd day of November 1850

Anthony P. Wright
administrator of
Anthony Wright decd

Alexander Kasey Jr Clerk

At a Circuit Court held for Bedford County April 12- 1851

The foregoing list of sales of the estate of Anthony Wright deceased was produced in court and it is ordered that the same be recorded

Teste
Jos Wilson Clerk"

On April 14, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 2/592 the court ordered an allotment of the dower land of Catherine (Wright) (St. Clair)

Wright from the estate of John St. Clair and a distribution of the remainder of the estate to his heirs:

"Anthony Wright & Catharine		)
his Wife	plaintiffs	)
against		)
Joseph D. St. Clair, Nancy		) In Chancery
St. Clair, Adaline St. Clair		)
James Patteson & Sally his		)
wife & others	Defendants	)

It appearing to the Court that the plaintiff Anthony Wright has departed this life, the fact is ordered to be suggested of record, - and by consent, it is ordered that this cause be revived & further proceeded in, in the name of Anthony P. Wright admr. of said Anthony Wright decd - And this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and the reports of John Huddleston, F. H. Jeter & James H Buford, three of the Commissioners appointed by a former decree in this cause to lay off to the female plaintiff Catharine Wright, her dower in the lands of her deceased husband & testator John St Clair, & the report of James F. Johnson the Commissioner appointed to sell the land in the bill mentioned, to which reports there is no exception, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court approving said reports doth confirm them - and doth adjudge, order and decree that the female plaintiff, Catharine Wright, do hold and enjoy for and during her natural life, the parcel of Sixty Seven and 3/4 acres of land, laid off and mentioned in the report first above named as & for her dower in the lands of her deceased husband John St Clair deceased - And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that James F. Johnson who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do after having executed bond with security to be approved by the Clerk of this Court, conditioned according to law, withdraw the bonds returned with his report, and collect the same, and when collected he shall distribute the proceeds thereof, together with the amount already received by him, in the following manner - He shall in the first place pay all the costs attending the sale of said land, & the laying off the dower aforesaid, including his legal charges for commissions, and also pay all the costs of this suit - that he do then divide the residue of the money into seven equal parts - and pay two parts thereof to Anthony P. Wright admr. of Anthony Wright deceased he being entitled to the same by virtue of the transfers from Joseph D St. Clair and Adaline St. Clair in the bill mentioned - that he pay another part thereof to the deft Nancy St. Clair, another part to the defendants James Patteson & Sally his wife, another part thereof to the defendant Henry T. St Clair - another part thereof to the deft Catharine St. Clair - and the remaining part to the legally qualified guardian of the Defts. John H. Joseph, Mary E, Abram B., Susan F. & Nancy C. St. Clair - and liberty is reserved to any of the parties to

apply to this Court for any future order in this cause to carry out the purposes of this decree."

Although authorization to sell the land and slaves of the estate of Anthony Wright was granted in December 1850, the court on August 18, 1852, appointed a commissioner to determine the proper division of the estate, taking into account any advancements made during Anthony Wright's lifetime to his children. The gist of the dispute that had developed related to the proper division of the estate among the heirs. Allegations were made that Anthony Wright gave land to his son Solomon Wright, for which Solomon's heirs should be charged as an advancement, and that Anthony Wright took his daughter Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and her children into his home after her husband's death and gave her support and other property, for which she should be charged as an advancement, that Anthony Wright became incapable of transacting business after 1840, with the implication that gifts made by him after 1840 to Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and her son Anthony P. Wright were obtained through their undue influence over him. The dispute resulted in numerous filings in the estate, including depositions, reports, exceptions, and arguments of counsel.

On November 30, 1852, in File 682 the deposition of Anthony P. Wright was taken and dealt in part with a book Anthony Wright kept in which he listed the advancements on their inheritance which Anthony had made to his children during his lifetime:

"State whether in whose handwriting is the Book now shown to you marked A and commencing A Memorandum -

Ans. I have seen Anthony Wright Senior deceased write, and believe the book now shewn to me to be in his hand writing.
By the same - State if you ever had any conversation with Anthony Wright Senior dec in his lifetime in regard to the land conveyed by him to Solomon Wright: if so, state what that conversation was:

Ans. I have frequently had conversation with Anthony Wright Senior dec in regard to the land conveyed by him to Solomon Wright. - He said that he did not intend to charge his son Solomon rent for the land, for if he did, it would eat of his interest in his estate - The land he spoke of is the same land charged on the book just shewn to me. And this conversation took place when he was running

the line between myself & Wheeler, and shortly before the deed was made by him to us - in the year 1840 or 1841 - somewhere about that time.

Ques. by counsel of Joel M. Wright & others- Did you regard Anthony Wright Sen about the time he was running the line you have mentioned as of unsound mind:

Ans. I considered him at that time as of as sound mind as he was at anytime I same him from 1841 to the time of his death. At the time the conversation took place he was running the line between Wheeler & myself & said he wished to run the line so as to give Wheeler timber to keep up his outside fence.

By the same - Had you not heard Anthony Wright Senior say previous to this conversation that he was not capable of transacting business.

Ans. I have heard him say that at times he was not capable of transacting business, but whether it was before this conversation, or after, I do not remember.

Question by Counsel for Mrs. Gish - At the time of the conversation alluded to in your former answer, did Anthony Wright converse in[te]llegibly about dividing the lands between Wheeler and yourself and did he seem to understand what he was about -

Ans. He did converse intelligibly about it, & seemed to understand what he about -"

That same day in File 682 the deposition of James Wright was taken on the same subject:

"Ques. by cons - A Book is shewn to you mark A & commencing "A memorandum of property of that my children has had that they have to account with one another after my death -

Say whether you are acquainted with the handwriting of Anthony Wright Sen dec and also in whose handwriting the book now shewn to you is.

Ans. I believe the book now shewn to me to be in the handwriting of Anthony Wright Sen. I have seen his handwriting frequently & think I know his handwriting - though I do not remember that I ever saw him write - I have had his bond which he paid.

James Wright"

On February 3, in File 682 a further deposition of Anthony P. Wright was taken 1853, regarding advancements made to his mother Elizabeth Ramsey:

"Ques. by _____ Claytor - State how many hogs, sheep, cattle and milch cows - how many barrels of corn & other property, did you receive from Anthony Wright deceased for Elizabeth Wright, when you removed to the place where you now live?

Ans. I received no property of any kind from Anthony Wright deceased for Elizabeth Wright when I removed to the place where I now live.

By the same - Did Anthony Wright in his lifetime advance to your mother, Elizabeth Wright within your knowledge any property of any kind: If so - state what that property was: & its value

Ans. He gave her one half of the land conveyed to her and myself - an interest in certain negroes also conveyed - and a black horse -

Anthony P. Wright"

On February 3, 1853, in File 682 the deposition of Thomas Nelson was also taken regarding the advancements made to Elizabeth Ramsey:

"Ques. by ____ Claytor. State whether it comes within your knowledge that Elizabeth Wright & her children boarded with Anthony Wright dec in his lifetime: If so, how many of them boarded with him, and how long:

Ans. Elizabeth Wright and her three children boarded with Anthony Wright, but how long I cannot tell - After they had boarded with him some years, the old man built a house in which Elizabeth Wright and her children lived - they were furnished with some part of their provisions by him, after they went to live to themselves, as I understood.

By the same - During the time they lived with the old man, were the services of Anthony P. Wright worth their board:

Ans. I should not suppose they were.

By the same - Do you think that $30 per year for the board of Elizabeth Wright and her children, after deducting the services of Anthony P. Wright, would be reasonable charge:

Ans. - I think it would be too high for the whole time - Anthony was a right smart boy - perhaps $25 would not be high

By the same. Did Elizabeth Wright render to the old man any services during the time she lived with him:

Ans. I cannot say - I judged they lived together pretty much as a family and her services were for the benefit of the family.

Ques. by W.O.? Jordan Counsel - How old was Anthony P. Wright when he went to live with Anthony Wright:

Ans. I understand by him that he was six years old.

By the same - Did Anthony P. Wright go to school in the meantime: if so, say who paid for his clothes & education:

Ans. - He went to school, but I do not know who paid.

By the same - What would board a grown woman & three children for year:

Ans. - I cannot form any estimate of what it was worth taking into consideration their services - for Wright was somewhat afflicted.

By the same - Does it come within your knowledge that Anthony P. Wright ever received any compensation for his services during the time he lived with the old man -

Ans. - He got some land & a mare, but whether as compensation for his services or not, I cannot tell.

By A. P. Wright - Did Elizabeth Wright ever weave, or sew, and do other work for the old man, after they left home:

Ans. I do not know - her daughter I think lived with him, and wove for him

Thomas Nelson

By _____ Claytor - State what was the state of Anthony Wright's mind from 1840 to the time of his death: whether he was capable of managing his own business.

Ans. I think that at sometimes, he was scarcely capable of transacting his own business - I lived about three quarters of a mile from him. Saw him frequently

Thomas Nelson"

On February 17, 1853, in File 682 Anthony P. Wright was deposed again regarding any agreement between his grandfather Anthony Wright and his mother Elizabeth Ramsey to pay board:

"Ques. by _____ - State if you know on what terms your mother Elizabeth Wright lived with her father Anthony Wright: whether there was any contract to pay him board:

Ans. There was no contract for board that I ever knew of. I have heard it frequently spoken of between my mother and her father - and he always expressed himself satisfied with the services of herself & children for her board. There were some of his children who wished him to charge her board - but I heard him tell her on the day he came to get his license to marry the second time, that he never intended to charge her board.

By Wm. G. Jordan Counsel

State in what year the conservation you have alluded to took place:

Ans. I cannot say - by reference to the clerk's office, it will be seen at what time he got his license.

By the same - Might not your grandfather after the conversation you have spoken of have changed his mind and charged you mother board

Ans. I do not know - if he did, I did not know it.

Anthony P. Wright"

On May 1, 1853, in File 682 the deposition of John J. Dent was taken regarding property received by Elizabeth Ramsey from her father:

"Ques. by _____? Counsel. Do you know or not of Elizabeth Ramsey receiving (?) any of the estate of Anthony Wright dec in his lifetime:

Ans. About the year 1841-1842, Elizabeth Ramsey then Elizabeth Wright moved from the house of Anthony Wright dec her father to a place given to her by the old man - and she brought with her about 25 wagons loads of corn and the such - about 25 or 21 bushels of wheat - 2 cows and calfes, a good stock of hogs - and bacon a plenty - These things came from her father's plantation

By the same - How much was corn & wheat worth in those years:

Ans. I suppose from $3 to $3.50 per barrel for corn and there may have been 100 barrels in all - wheat worth about 75 cents per bushel. The cows & calf were worth about $30 -

By the same - Did you see a record of Anthony P. Wright's age:

Ans. - I lived in Mr. Wright's house for two years after she moved to herself and in her house I saw a bible in which there was a register of her children ages. If I am not mistaken, according to that register Anthony P. Wright was 20 years old in June 1841, one of the years that I lived there.

John J. Dent"

On May 1, 1853, in File 682 the deposition of William Anderson was also taken regarding the same:

"Ques. by S. A. Claytor's counsel. Were you acquainted with Archibald Wright in his lifetime: - if so say when he died:

Ans. I was well acquainted with him - and think we has been dead more than twenty years -

2- By the same - Do you know where his widow and children lived after his death:

Ans. They lived with Anthony Wright for several years after the death of Archibald Wright. I do not know how long. They lived in the house with Anthony Wright for several years & then moved to a house built for them by him on his land - where they lived until they went to the place where they now live.

3- By the same. Had they any means of support except what they got from Anthony Wright

Ans. None that I know of.

4- What would it be worth to support a woman and three children for a year - the oldest child being six years old:

Ans. - I would not take them for less than $40 per year - for the first ten years - including their services

5- Were you at the sale of Anthony Wright's property made by himself in his lifetime; if so, say whether Elizabeth Wright, now Elizabeth Ramsey purchased anything:

Ans. I was at the sale and she purchased so little articles, but I do not remember what.

Ques by _____ Ramsey & counsel - State whether while Mrs. Ramsey lived in the house with her father, she did not attend to his domestic affairs; and whether her children were not employed in his service:

Ans. I never was at the house except perhaps once or twice, & cannot say what Mrs. Ramsey did - but after Anthony P. Wright got to be some size, he worked in the plantation.

Question by same. After they moved from Anthony Wright's home to the house he built for them as you have already stated do you know of his furnishing Mrs. Ramsey with anything; and if you do state what it was:

Ans. I do not know of his furnishing her with anything

Question by counsel of Claytor - Joel M. Wright

At the time Mrs. Wright now Mrs. Ramsey lived in the house of Anthony Wright had he daughters - if so what were their ages or were they single or not and if he had daughters where did they live and what employment had they?

Ans. - He had two single daughters, pretty well grown, who lived in the house with him at that time

By the same - Was his wife living at the time that Mrs. Ramsey lived with him:

Ans. She was.

William Anderson"

On May 12, 1853, in File 682 the deposition of Catherine Wright was taken regarding the advancements to Elizabeth Ramsey:

"Ques. by S. A. Claytor's counsel. State whether you ever heard your husband Anthony Wright in his lifetime say anything about his charging his daughter Elizabeth Ramsey and her children board:

Ans. I heard him say he had charged her board - but it was cut off the first time I ever saw the book - I think he said he had charged her $300 board - This he said shortly after the witness & said Wright was married - about six years ago last September.

By the same - Where was the Book marked A now shown to you left during Anthony Wright's lifetime an who had access to it:

Ans. It was kept in his chest under lock & key as far as I know - The chest was frequently open when the old man and Anthony P. Wright were there looking at papers.

By the same - Who had access to the book after Anthony Wright's death:

Ans. It was kept under lock & key - and no one had access to it, but myself, that I know of it, until they were delivered to Mr. Kasey and Anthony P. Wright.

By the same. When did you first see the book with the leaves cut:

Ans. Anthony Wright about six years ago shewed me the book - he signified that there was hard thoughts about his charging Mrs. Ramsey board. And that the charge had been cut off and shewed me book by way of proving that it was so. He conveyed to me the idea that his first wife had cut the leaves off, tho he did not say so in so many words. He told me the book marked A and shewed to me today was the book in which he had charged his children with advancements

Catharine Wright"

On May 12, 1853, in File 682 the deposition of Francis W. Franklin was taken:

"Ques. by counsel of S. A. Claytor, Joel Wright Are you acquainted with Anthony P. Wright: State if you know his age:

Ans. I am acquainted with him, having married his father's sister and lived near to him - Anthony P. Wright was born on the 3d day of June 1821 - I am the more certain of his age from the age of one of my own sons. As there is about 18 months difference in their ages -

By the same - Was you acquainted with Archibald Wright, the father of Anthony P. Wright: if so say what were his circumstances at the time of his death -

Ans. - He was very poor - and if his widow had not been helped by her father, or some other person, she must have suffered -

By the same - When did Archibald Wright die: and when did his widow remove to her father's:

Ans. - Archibald Wright died, I think in 1826 and his widow removed to her father's immediately afterwards.

Francis W. Franklin"

On May 12, 1853, the deposition of Thomas Nelson was taken:

"Ques by S. A. Claytors counsel - Does it come within your knowledge that Anthony Wright in his lifetime furnished his daughter Mrs. Ramsey with anything during the time she lived with him and if so, state what he furnished:

Ans. She lived with her father - and I do not know any further than that he purchased a potrack for her at a sale.

By the same - If you had a wife and two daughters old enough to attend to business, what would you be willing to keep a woman and three children for ten years for:

Ans. I suppose a man could afford to board them for $50 or $60 per year.

By the same. Did Anthony Wright have an overseer during the time that Mrs. Ramsey lived with him:

Ans. I think William Horn lived with him from three to five years about twenty years ago.

Question by Deft Ramsey. State if you know what wages Mr. Wright gave Wm. Horn:

Ans. I do not know. I think I heard he gave $150 - but am not clear that I heard it from Mr. Wright.

Question by same. After Horn left there did not Anthony P. Wright attend to the management of old Mr. Wright's plantation business: and if so state for what length of time he so attended to his business:

Ans. He seemed to manage the old man's business for several years - I do not know the length of time

Thomas Nelson"

Commissioner Wharton filed his report and exceptions to that report were filed on July 9, 1853, in File 682 by attorney William C. Goggin:

"Exceptions to the administration account as reported by Commissioner Wharton.

George Wheeler and Agnes his wife Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife - Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, - Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife - plaintiffs except to so much of the Report of Commissioner Wharton in the General Statement as refers to the charges vs the Admin and the Administration a/c

1st In allowing the estate credit by no interest atoll except on $793.25 for one year (see 9th page) - when it should be 2 years on that sum -

2 Because the commissioner has allowed no interest atoll (except on the $793.25 as a balance) on the amount of the sales of the perishable est. of $529.90 as of December 31, 1851 - when he should have distinguished between that part sold for cash and that on a credit - the credit portion was then due - but the admin had had in his hands all the cash derived from the sale which took place Dec 1840 one year before

3 Because the commissioner has allowed no interest on the 2 bonds of the admin due the Estate of the intestate of $3980 due in the year 18_ before the 31st Dec 1851 when the bonds purport to have been paid -

4 Because no interest is allowed on $500 paid by Gish at one time and $565.86 at another due intestate in his life

5 Because $104.83 or any other sum is allowed the Admin as a commission - he not having settled his account til the 30th Nov 1852 when he qualified as Admin at Aug or Sept 1850 more than 2 years having elapsed - and though the Comm says that the vouchers had been in his hands since Feb 1852 it would be still nine months after that time before the account was asserted.
6th Because the commissioner has not charged Anthony P. Wright the Admin with a bond of $100 for a horse and other property bought by him of the intestate in his lifetime

7th Because the Com. has allowed (in general allowance of commissioners) a commission on the bonds due from the Admin to the Estate of his intestate.

8th Because the Com. has not charged the Adm with

100 barrels of corn at $3.25	$325.00
nor 25 bushels of wheat at 75 cents	18.75
nor 2 cows and calves at $3	30.00
nor a good stock of hogs say worth	20.00
nor a good lot ("plenty") of bacon say	20.00
amounting in the whole to	$413.75

which is proven by the deposition of John J. Dent to have been carried off from the intestates farm in 1842 (when the intestate was incapable of managing his own affairs) - by the mother of the Adm See above Deposition of Nelson

For these reasons the said account is excepted to by the parties above named

July 9th 1853 William Goggin for them
See Exceptions to list of advancements on next page

Exceptions to acco of advancements by the same parties - To the account of advancements to Elizabeth Ramsey

1st Because she is not charged in the general statement with the full price of a negroe woman at $300.00
instead of 1/4 thereof

2 Because she is not charged with the full value of 60 acres of land at $5 or $300.00
instead of 1/2 (if she is charged atoll) it having clearly been the intention of the father to advance her with these sums though the land & negroes are charged to her and her children by name - just as in the case of Mrs Wheeler where the full price of the negroe is charged to her yet the Bill of sale is to her and her children

3 Because Mrs. Ramsey is not charged in the account of advancements with the articles on the preceeding page at $413.75
for if the adm is not accountable as such surely the mother as a distributee must be accountable for these $1013.75

4 Because in same statement Mrs Ramsey is charged with only no board when she should be charged 300.00
according to the proof or much more $1313.75

see next page

5 Because in the special statement Mrs Ramsey is charged only with $300.00 in addition to the advancements before stated when it should have been $1313.75 instead of $300 & the $300 is less for board than it should be see proof of Nelson and Wm Anderson

9 July 1853 Wm Goggin for the Parties

And the children of Solomon Wright by Joel M. Wright Samuel H. Claytor & wife and Joseph Mays & wife & the active except to so much of said report as charges Solomon Wright with 108 acres of land at $4 per acre in all $432 because the deed dated in 1823 shows on its face, as was the fact, that he paid in cash that sum for it -

9th July 1853
Wm Goggin for the Parties"

Similar exceptions were filed by attorney William Jordan in File 682:

"In this case Green G. Bondurant, Joel M. Wright & Samuel G. Claytor, heirs of Solomon Wright, except to the report of commissioner Wharton in this case

1 Because the advancements to Ramsey & wife on account of board, are not charged

2 Because the estate of Solomon Wright is charged with 108 acres of land at $4 per acre, making $432, when said land was a purchase, & not a gift or advancement,

3 Because Elizabeth Ramsey is only charged with $75 the price of a negro girl when she should be charged with $300

4 Because interest is not allowed on any portion of the credits in the settlement of Anthony P. Wright administrators account

5 Because Anthony P. Wright administrator of Anthony Wright, deceased, has omitted to credit $100 worth of property purchased by him at the sale of his intestate

6 Because commissions are allowed over and above what the law allows,

7 Because no list of sales and vouchers are filed for items and money this various affiants (?) on the face of the report, the parties above named except to the report, and ask that it may be recommitted & the errors corrected

Wm Jordan for
Green G. Bondurant & other (?)"

On April 11, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Order Book A/158 Anthony P. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of Anthony Wright:

"The Estate of Anthony Wright decd.
In a/c with Anthony P. Wright admr.

1850		DR.		
Nov 8	To cash paid Jas. Wright ck		1	$2.00
1851				
Jany 1	" cash paid Jas. F. Johnson		2	276.28
March 8	" cash paid R. C. Ramsey		3	76.59
24	" cash paid W. C. Williams		4	40.50
May 27	" cash paid Jas. E. Patterson		5	22.88
June	" cash paid J. F. Johnson			
	Com in Wright vs St Clair		6	400.00
Nov. 10	" cash paid St Clair's Exor		7	36.80
Dec. 4	" cash paid Adeline St Clair Intestate obligation		8	259.00
12	" cash paid J. P. Claytor		9	8.75
15	" cash paid Wm Gish		10	22.28
	" cash paid R. A. Lee		11	3.27
1852				
Feb 4	" cash paid Jos. Noble		12	6.00
	" cash paid Isaac James		13	2.75
	" cash paid tickets		14	2.47
	" cash paid J. D. Horn		15	4.00
	" cash paid J. F. Johnson		16	10.00
	" cash paid W. H. Preas		17	3.43
	" cash paid Adeline St Clair		18	23.42
	" cash paid H. T. St Clair		19	23.42
	" cash paid Alexander Kasey Jr		20	5.13
	" cash paid Ephraim St Clair		21	1.00
	" cash paid Elias Carner		22	1.00
March 1	" Commissions on $2096.694 at 5 pr ct			104.83
	" Balance			800.69
				$2136.49

CR

1851		
Jany 1	By cash of Joe Wright hire of negro man 1850	$ 53.00

	" cash of same		15.75
	" cash of J. F. Johnson Com in case of Wright vs St Clair		289.75
March 24	" cash of Wm. C. Williams hire of Negro man 1850 & Int		76.10
May 15	" cash of J. D. Horn hire of negro man & Int		66.33
28	" cash of Wm. Gish on bond to intestate		500.00
Sept. 29	" cash of Same in full		565.86
Dec. 31	" Amt of Sales of perishable property		529.90
	" Amt of admrs bond to intestate		26.80
	" Amt of admr Second bond		13.00
			2136.49

DR

1852			
March 1	To cash paid R. Huddleston	23	$ 4.44
	" cash paid Commissioner for Settlement	24	3.00
	" Balance		793.25
			800.69

CR

1852		
March 1	By Balance due the estate	$800.69

CR

1852		
March 1	By Balance due the estate	793.25
1853		
March 1	By Int on 793.254 for one year	47.59
	Due the estate	840.84

The administrator has made the following payments to the widow & others distributees Viz:

1850		
Nov 8	To Catharine Wright	$112.00
1851		
Dec 4	" Wm. S. Wright	200.00
1850		
Nov. 8	To Joel M. Wright	11.15
	" S. H. Claytor	2.18
	" R. C. Ramsey	70.30

I certify that having advertised the same according to Law I have settled the account current of the estate of Anthony Wright decd with Anthony P. Wright admr as above. I further certify that the vouchers and list of receipts were put

into the commissioners hands in February 1852, And that this account was not returned because of a settlement of the same in the County Court in a suit.

J. A. Wharton C.
May 1853

At a Circuit Court held for Bedford County the 11th day of April 1854

The foregoing account current of the estate of Anthony Wright decd with Anthony P. Wright his administrator having been filed in the Clerks Office more than one month before this term was produced in Court and no exceptions having been taken thereto the Court proceeded to examine the same and thereupon it is ordered that the said account current be confirmed and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jos. Wilson, Clk."

An April 5, 1855, in File 682 further depositions were taken of Nancy Corley, Elizabeth Bandy, and Mary Feathers:

"The said Nancy Cawley a witness of lawful age produced by Defendant having been by me first sworn doth to the interrogatories propounded to her depose as follows

1 Question By Defendant) Was not you frequently at Anthony Wrights Dec whilst I was staying there

Answer I was frequently there

2 Question do you believe that Elizabeth Ramsey lived and worked as one of the family whilst she was there

Answer I do

3 Question do you believe that the services of E. Ramsey and children was a sufficient compensation for their Board

Answer I suppose it was

4 Question would you have been willing to have done as E. Ramsey done there for your board

Answer I would not

Nancy Corley

The said Mary Feather a witness of lawfull age produced by Defendant having been by me first sworn doth to the interrogatories propounded to her depose as follows

I Questions By Defendant) Did you live with your grandfather Anthony Wright after the death of his wife

Answer I did

2 Question did you hear your Grandfather say anything in relation to the charging of your mother E. Ramsey board

Answer I did hear him say that he should charge no board as he considered her services and her children worth their board

3 Question Did you hear him say anything in relation to a colt given to Anthony P. Wright

Answer I did hear him say that he gave him the colt because he was named after him

Mary Ann Feathers

The said Elizabeth Bandy a witness of lawfull age produced by Defendant having been by me first sworn doth to the interragatories propounded to her depose as follows

1 Question By Defendant) did you hear your grandfather Anthony Wright say anything about charging your mother E. Ramsey board whilst she stayed there

Answer I did hear him tell her he never intended to charge her any board as he considered her & her children's services worth their board

2 Question did you hear him say that your mother E. Ramsey should not be charged with what he gave to Anthony P. Wright

Answer I did hear him say she should not be charged with what he gave to A.P. Wright for he intended to make him A.P. Wright an equal legatee in his estate with his own children

Harriet E. Bandy"

Finally, the arguments of counsel were filed about April 14, 1855 in File 682:

"Wright vs Wright

In this case it is contended that $300 charged in the special statement for board for Elizabeth Ramsey is properly charged - but she should be charged more

1st The deposition of Catharine Wright, who was the second wife of the intestate proves that he said he had charged her $300 board. - That charge he said had been cut off and there had been hard thoughts - Anthony P. Wright, the son of Elizabeth, had access frequently to the trunk where the book was kept in the lifetime of his grandfather - Old Mr. Wright however never said he had cut it off himself - He said it had been done but never did disclaim a purpose to make his daughter account for it - He showed the book to prove it had been done and conveyed the idea that his first wife did it - thereby denying that he had done it himself -

But if he even had cut off or erased an entry of this sort which he regarded as an advancement to this daughter - it would still be a subject of proof and if established must be charged - It will be seen that the book by no means contains all the items of advancement - others are proven without regard to the book

The depositions (there are 2) of Thomas Nelson prove that Mrs Wright or Mrs Ramsey as she now is who was a sickly and "afflicted" woman lived in her fathers house for a number of years, a widow, the oldest child but 6 years of age and that in Mrs Wrights condition with a wife and two grown daughters to do all his household work a this too, item was worth from $50 to $60 pr year to board them - That after Anthony P. Wright got old enough to be a "right smart boy" that thus perhaps $25 would not be too high for 10 years previous, which would make Anthony 16 - at $55 the average of $50 and $60 the board to that time would amount to $550 will add on $25 for 5 years longer til Anthony became to be 21, this would make $125 added to the $550 - or an aggregate of $675 instead of $300 -

And again this witness proves that old Mr. Wright had an overseer a part of the time - and that Anthony P. was going to school - any services he ever rendered while a boy in his grandfather's family would not more than have paid for his board - his clothing and his schooling -

This witness also proves that Anthony P. Wright got "Land and a mare" of his Grandfather and yet it is asked that his trifling services (if indeed he rendered any except to aid his grandfather in looking at his papers in the old chest where the lists were kept) shall be taken to offset a fair charge for board, while Anthony P. wants the court to "cut off" also - against his mother in the division of the Estate

The deposition of William Anderson proves that she (Mrs Ramsey formerly Mrs Wright) had no means of support except what she derived from her father Anthony Wright - she was a widow and had "come back" upon her father with 3 small children

This witness proves that it would be worth $40 pr year to support them for 10 years including their services if so the charge of $300 is much too small. He had a wife and two grown daughters to attend to this household.

The deposition of Francis W. Franklin proves the age of Anthony P. - and also that his father (the husband of the then Elizabeth Wright, now Ramsey) was very poor: and if his widow had not been helped by her father she must have sufferred - yet she is to be charged nothing - her husband died in 1826 - and she and her children went immediately to her fathers - Anthony P. this boy (who is to pay all charges) was then but five years old!

The deposition of this Anthony P. Wright (which is excepted to) is taken to prove nothing in regard to his mothers services or his own, see the one marked (no 2), but gives more conversations of his grandfather as to his intentions - this man is deeply interested in regard to the very matter about which he testifies - but he shows in deposition no 1 that he is wholly unworthy of credit for he makes his grandfather in 1841 speak of charging (or not charging) Solomon Wright with rent of the Land when in truth his Grandfather had deeded the land to Solomon in fee in the year 1823 see the deed - Wright & wife to Wright.

The same witness further says that his grandfather was incapable of attending to business at times - He considered him of as sound mind then as at any time no doubt - but his mind had become impaired before 1841 - as proven by the facts in this cause.

But again in regard to the advancements - Mrs. Ramsey (or Mrs. Wright then) is proven to have carried away with her from her fathers, when she left there the 2nd time, (as a widow now receiving her second outfit) see deposition of John J. Dent, 25 wagons loads of corn - 25 or 6 bushels of wheat, 2 cows and calves - a good stock of hogs and bacon a plenty - 100 barrels of corn at the average of $3.25 as witness proves it would be $325. The wheat at 75 cents $18.75 - cow & calf $30 (Bacon say $20 - Hogs say $20 estimated) would make an aggregate

of $413.75 now due the Estate bindes(?)_ the advancements - This sum the Admin surely will be held to account for, if Mrs R is not.

In regard to the charge against Solomon Wright - of 108 acres of land at $4 pr acre of $432 it seems to me there can be no ground to charge it as an advancement - The little book is contradicted by the deed which declares a consideration of $432 and there is no proof in this record (if such proof were admissible) to the contrary - can the Grantor gainsay his deed by a scrawl on an old book in which he charges the land as an advancement - It is evident to my mind that in 1840-41 (after the old man is proven to be incapable doing business at times) he this aforesaid Anthony got the ear of the old man and induced him then to make out a list of charges against his children so as to benefit his mother and himself and that the old man had forgotten that he had near 20 years before been paid by his son Solomon $432 for the very land that Anthony P. makes him talk about charging rent for - Then this was a deed put upon record in 1824 - and the Bills of sale filed as exhibits in this cause (and the dates in 1845) together with the deed to Mrs Wright go to prove that the old man was wholy under the influence of Anthony P. for while the bills of sale to his children for negroes all express a consideration - yet as to the land given to Mrs Wright & Anthony it is expressed on the face of the deed to be in consideration of natural love and affection - not so in regard to Solomon Wright's land. There the consideration paid is expressed on its face - The bills of sale are unrecorded papers - While in regard to the land going to record he wished to speak according to the fact. All this parade however about the old book in which the advancements were recorded has at least had the good effect of exposing the actings and doings of Anthony P. -

Your honor will bear in mind that Anthony P. himself proves that his grandfather said he was incapable of transacting business - Old Mr Nelson (see 4th page of Dep No. 1) proves that he lived within 3 qrs of a mile of him and that from 1840 he does not think he was capable of attending to business at times - an inspection of the entries on that book will convince any one that all of them were made at one time - the same sort of hand - the same pen the same ink - and on the first page the old man as if fearful of his want of capacity says the account is up to 1840 - he there stopd; Anthony P. who had an interest in the subject of the entires - who had control of the old. has other business in hand for him and procures a deed for 1/2 of a tract of land from his grandfather in the month of January 1841 in consideration of natural love - to the exclusion of his brothers and sisters -

But in my view of this case Mrs Ramsey has had more than her share of the estate already and she must be ordered to pay back as thus -

To the items even as charged in a/c by Mr. Wharton	$368.00
To amt broght over	368.00
To this sum as shown in articles actually carried by her besides 4th page of this note	413.75
To board as shown on page 2 of this note	675.00
	$1456.75

We ask a decree against her and if this sum is not near the true amount of what she has had the witnesses the disinterested and truthful ones at least are not to be believed - The a/c vs. Joe Wright a man - a son - shows that the old man charged him board at the rate of $50 per year - it establishes his rule, which contradicts young Anthony that his grandfather said he did not intend to charge his mother

If $50 be not too much for a man who was "afflicted" what would it be for a woman "afflicted" with 3 or 4 small children entirely dependant -

April Term 1855 Respy(?) Wm L(?) Goggin

The large balance against Mrs. Ramsey (mother of Anthony P.) shows therby a motive he may have had in cutting off the charges at the bottom of the account of advancements against her of $1456.75 as above."

"Wright vs Wright - Note of Ramsey's atty:

Reply to Wm. Goggin's argument and Exceptions so far as they relate to Ramsey & wife

I think it is very clear that the exceptions cannot be sustained

Because as to the first exception Anthony Wright truly gave her an interest of 1/4 in the negro and gave the other three fourths to her children Anthony, Mary Ann & Elizabeth each of whom had as much interest in the negro as she had. And there is no more reason to charge her with their 3/4 than there is to charge her with any other thing the Intestate might have given to his grandchildren - (see the Bill of Sale dated 1 December 1845)

For the same reasons the 2d Exception ought to be overruled. Only one moiety of the land was given to her. And if she is charged with the which she will be charged with what she never received and which she could not receive (see deed of the 25 of Jan 1841).

3d The third Exception is upon the flimsiest pretext imaginable.

There is no proof that can be relied on that such of the articles mentioned, as she did get, were given or advanced to her, or whether they were paid for. - But if she did get any of them as a gift to enable her to support herself in making her first esp(?) when she went to live to herself. I think it will require some more certain & minute proof than the guess of Mr. John J. Dent, to induce any person to believe that it took 100 bushels of corn to support Mrs Wright and her 3 children or that Anthony Wright had so much to give away. or indeed that he had so much altogether. - But Anthony P Wright who lived with Anthony Wright at the time and who moved away with her in his first deposition (taken by the plaintiffs -) proves that she received none of these things and he certainly knew better than Mr. Dent - and besides there is no such charge in Memorandum of Advancements made out by the Intestate nor is there any pretence there ever was - the only thing the witnesses say was ever charged there which is not there now is the board.

4 And there is equally as little ground to sustain the 4 Exception.

The proof is that after the death of her first husband, Mrs Ramsey was very poor and would not probably have supported herself and children without aid

And her father took them home to his house to make them more comfortable. Under these circumstances is it reasonable to believe that he contemplated charging them for what they eat? for he never furnished anything else. Besides. It is proved by Nancy Corely, Elizabeth Bandy, Mary Feather. - Anthony P. Wright & the pltfs own witness Catharine Wright (the wife of intestate). that he did not intend to charge her for her board. - Some of them prove that Mrs Ramsey's & her children's services was worth their board. Others prove that he said he did not intend to charge her board. And Mrs Wright proves that he said he had once charged it and he had cut the charge out of his book of charges of advancements against his children - Mrs Wright proves conclusively that after this charge was cut out he shewed her the Book A and told her it was the book in which he had charged his children with advancements. Thus clearly shewing that he did not intend to charge her with board if he had ever had such an intention. It is clear that he had then abandoned it. - There is nothing in the exception to A.P. Wrights depo. There is not question of sanity raised here. that could only be raised in a suit to impeach & set aside the deed. when his testimony in this case could not be used in his favor. - And as Admin of the Intestate he is in no sense interested how it is distributed. Because he has to pay all in his hands to some or all of the distributees and what he does not pay to one he will have to pay to another. - There is no reason why his deposition should not be used as testimony in this cause when taken by the Dfts as well as when taken by the Pltfs. Unless indeed it is to be presumed that every man who testifies in a case in which his relatives are concerned commits perjury & felony

as a matter of course - as is insinuated in the argument of the counsel in this case. -

5. The fifth exception is an exception of the plaintiffs to their own special statement. which itself is an exception to the courts report. - And if they had requested the court to have put the $1300 instead of $300 - he would doubtless have put that and as much more if they desired it -

The pltfs certainly had the right to have any special statement made which they desired. It is therefore perfectly _____ to _____ the 5th exception is sustained or overruled.

As to the Exception of Solomon and Joel M. Wright based on the consideration expressed in the deed. - That is answered by the charge in the Book of Advancements. It is charged in the Book as an advancement of the same value as the amount of consideration named in the deed In that deed & in the deeds for the negroes the amounts at which they were charged as advancements is expressed as the consideration of the deeds. When we know that no pecuniary consideration passed and I suppose Mr. Goggin can hardly be serious in contending that the consideration expressed in a deed is conclusive. When it has so frequently & uniformly been decided otherwise by the courts all over the Union. -

The amount taken by Mr. Wharton who had the ___ before him and heard their statements as well as the statements of witnesses is no doubt as right as can be well arrived at and attains justice much nearer than the counsel in the _____ sides would ever arrive at. -

I hope therefore it will be confirmed.

Resply
G. W. Mayfield for
Ramsey ___ (&wife?)

Apl Term 1855"

"I am counsel for Anthony P. Wright - the admr of Anthony Wright and this note is intended only as a reply to the exceptions taken by Mr. Goggin and Mr. Jordan to the report of the administration account -

As to the 1st Exception that interest should be charged against the admr for a longer time - The law does not require an admr to pay interest from the time he received the money of the estate - he is allowed time to look around and ascertain the creditors before he will be compelled to distribute or pay interest - It

appears from the comrs report that the money came into the hands of the admr in the year 1851 and during the year 1851 he paid out large sums. The comr strikes the balance on the 1st March "52 from which time he charges interest.

2nd The sale money became due the 31st Decr 1851. It composes one of the items which constitutes the balance of $793.25 on the 1st March 1852. He is only allowed 2 months to collect until he is charged interest. This is a very short time and furnishes no ground for exception. As to the cash received at the sale they were doubtless small amounts and there is no proof there was any recd.

As to 3rd and 4th Exceptions - see answer above to 1st

5th It appears by this exception that the admr placed his vouchers & papers in the hands of the comr for settlement about 7 months before the expiration of the time within which he was required by law to settle his accounts - The admr cannot be held accountable for the failure of the comr - He did all he could do by placing his vouchers in his hands in due time

6th No proof to sustain this exception

Mr. Jordan excepts to the report of the administration a/c

Because "interest is not charged on any portion of of the credit in the settlement of the administration account." It will be seen that interest is allowed on the balance struck the 1st March 1852.

5th Exception by Mr. Jordan

Answer - The admr is charged with the whole amount of sales including his own purchases -

The 6th exception taken by him is - "that commissions are allowed over and above what the law allows"

The commissions allowed is 5 per cent - on the receipts. I do not think Mr. Jordan can produce the laws allowing a less sum

7th Exception - The vouchers are with the commissioner who can produce them if required

James F. Johnson
Counsel for A.P. Wright
admr Anthony Wright"

On April 14, 1855 in File 682, the court heard arguments and overruled the exceptions:

"Wright vs Wright

This day this cause came on to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of commissioner Wharton made in pursuance of a decree of the county court in the year 1852 with exceptions thereto by the pltfs George Wheeler & wife Joseph Mayse & wife Joel M Wright, Jeremiah Wright & Saml H Claytor & wife. and also of the pltfs Joel M Wright, Solomon Wright; Claytor & wife & Mayse & wife, and the _____ & examinations (?) of witnesses taken & filed since the former hearing & was argued by counsel upon consideration whereof the court doth overrule the said Exceptions, and doth adjudge order & decree that Comr Wharton do ascertain & report to the court what was the value of the dower estate of the said Catharine Wright widow of the said Anthony Wright decd, in the lands in the bill mentioned at the time of the sale thereof by Comr Jas F. Johnson under a decree in this cause, That he also take an account of the proceeds of the sale of the land in the hands of Comr James F. Johnson and account between the parties so as to shew how much each of them is entitled to receive from the estate of the Intestate now in the hands of the said Anthony P Wright admr as aforesaid & Comr James F Johnson and make report thereof to this court with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated."

On September 12, 1855, in File 682 a final resolution of the dispute was made by the court by its order for the division of the estate:

"Pa 312 1855 September 12th

This day this cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and the report of John A Wharton taken in pursuance of a decree at the last term of this Court, to which report there is no exception and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court approving said report, doth confirm it, and doth adjudge, order and decree that the defendant Anthony P. Wright administrator of Anthony Wright deceased, do pay to the plaintiff Catharine Wright the sum of One hundred and fifty one dollars and fifty-one cents with interest thereon after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st day of March 1853 till paid; that he do also pay William Wright and Rhoda his wife, the sum of Thirty three dollars and sixteen cents with like interest thereon from the 1st day of March 1853 till paid; that he do also pay to Thomas Wright and Celia his wife the sum of Twenty nine dollars and fifty four cents, with like interest thereon from the 1st day of March 1853 till paid; that he do pay to John Brugh and Polly his wife formerly Polly Gish the sum of Two hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixteen cents with like interest thereon from the 1st day of March 1853 till paid; and the

Court doth decree that Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, do pay to the said Anthony P. Wright the sum of Sixty two dollars and eighty one cents with like interest thereon from the 1st day of March 1852 till paid. And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that James F. Johnson do proceed forthwith to collect the money remaining due for the land and slaves in the bill mentioned, and that when collected he do pay to Catharine Wright the sum of Three hundred and twenty seven dollars and sixty cents with interest thereon after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st April 1854, that he do pay to William Wright and Rhoda his wife the sum of Four hundred and thirty four dollars and eighty-six cents, . . . that he do pay to Thomas Wright and Celia his wife the sum of Four hundred and thirty-four dollars and eighty-six cents . . . that he do pay to Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, the sum of Four hundred and thirty-four dollars and eighty six cents . . . that he pay to John Brugh and Polly his wife formerly Polly Gish the sum of Four hundred and thirty- four dollars and eight-six cents, . . . that he do pay to George Wheeler & wife the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars and fifty-two cents . . . that he do pay to Joseph Mays and wife the sum of Two hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents . . . that he do pay to Thomas A. Wright the sum of Forty dollars . . . that he pay to Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife the sum of Forty dollars . . . that he pay to Jeremiah Wright the sum of Forty dollars . . .that he pay to Joel M. Wright the sum of Forty dollars . . . that he pay to Solomon M. Wright the sum of Forty dollars . . . that he pay to Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife the sum of Forty dollars . . . that he pay to Jubal J. Wright the sum of Forty dollars . . ., but the said James F. Johnson is hereby directed to pay all the costs of this suit, not credited to him in the commissioner's account including the fee and to deduct such sums so paid by him in rateable proportions from the amounts decreed to be paid by him as above."(39)

On October 2, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 3/386 Catherine Wright obtained an order from the court for the conveyance of title of the remaining land of Anthony Wright pursuant to her purchase of that property from this estate:

"Catharine Wright, Widow of Anthony Wright decd.,
Joseph Wright, George Wheeler and Agnes his Wife,
& others, Plaintiffs
against
Anthony P. Wright admr of Anthony Wright decd
& others Defendants

On motion of the Pltinfiff Catharine Wright, it is ordered that this case be opened up, and it appearing that the said Catharine Wright has paid all the purchase money for the land purchased by her it is ordered that James F. Johnson, who is

hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do convey to her the said land by proper deed with special warranty at her costs"

On December 20, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/560, Commissioner Johnson conveyed title of Anthony Wright's residence parcel to her:

"This deed made this 20th day of December, 1856, Between James F. Johnson a commissioner appointed by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford in the case of Catharine Wright and others plaintiffs and Anthony P. Wright Administrator of Anthony Wright and others defendants of the one part and the said Catharine Wright of the other part. Whereas by a decree in said Court the said James F. Johnson was appointed a commissioner to sell a tract of land in the county of Bedford of which Anthony Wright died seized and on which he resided at the time of his death and whereas the said Johnson did afterwards in pursuance of said decree sell the tract of land aforesaid subject to the widows dower to the highest bidder at public auction and Catharine Wright being the highest bidder became the purchaser of said tract of land at the price of $755.09 and executed her bonds with the security for the purchase money and the said Johnson having been afterwards appointed a commissioner to collect the said purchase money and the said Catharine Wright having paid all the purchase money and the said James F. Johnson having been appointed a commissioner to convey the title to said land to the said Catharine Wright by proper deed for that purpose with Special warranty Now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises the said James F. Johnson acting as commissioner aforesaid doth grant unto the said Catharine Wright with Special warranty the tract of land aforesaid containing including the widows dower 105-1/4 acres be the same more or less.

Witness the following signature and seal.

James F. Johnson

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 5th day of January 1857. This deed from James F. Johnson commissioner to Catharine Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office and acknowledged by the said James F. Johnson and admitted to record.

Teste:
A. A. Arthur Clk."

On March 25, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/213 Catharine Wright sold two tracts of 67 acres and 2 acres of land to John Huddleston:

"This Deed made this 25th day of March 1857 Between Catharine Wright of the first part & John Huddleston of the second part Witnesseth that for and in

consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars paid the said Catharine Wright by the said John Huddleston at & before the sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Catharine Wright doth hereby convey to said party of second part all her right title & interest in & to a certain tract of land containing 69 acres known as the Dower tract & bounded as follows. Beginning at Red oak on a hill side near a pair of draw bars thence N 70-1/2 E along & crossin said road 37-1/2 poles to pointers hickory 2 sowerwood & planted Stone thence S 38 E 27-1/2 poles +ing branch to poplar on N side of said road thence along said road S 64 E +ing Huddleston's tan yard road 31 poles to which oak on edge of said road N 83 E 14 poles to pointers a planted stone at corner of Huddleston's field S 35 E +ing a branch 18:24 poles to white oak on Enochs creek thence down said creek as it meanders N 48-1/2 E 41 poles to Maple at mouth of a Branch thence up said branch as it meanders about 25 poles to white oak on bank of a branch thence up said branch N 21-3/4 W 19-1/2 poles to planted stone at the head of the branch in Crenshaws field N 34-1/4 W 41 poles along Crenshaws line to Read oak in tan yoord road at fork of lane & corner to Wm Walker thence along said lane & Walkers line S 67-1/4 W 32-1/2 poles to persimmon tree N 42-1/4 W +ing N fork of Enochs creek 81:31 poles to White on N bank of said creek thence S 8-3/4 W dividing line 119:80 poles to beginning. Also another tract situate & lying near the former containing 2 A 1 R & 20 poles & bounded as follows. Beginning at red oak near tobacco house N 70 W 28:52 poles with Huddlestons old line to planted stone N 51-1/2 W 7.66 poles to near small gum thence with Mrs Wrights line N 33-3/4 E 8:28 poles +ing branch to planted stone at corner of fence thence along said fence S 81 E 29:4 poles to corner (Mrs Wrights & Huddlestons) Stone planted thence with Huddlestons line +ing branch S 8-3/4 W 16.24 poles to beginning and the said Catharine Wright doth warrant the property hereby conveyed specially

Witness following signature and seal this day and year above written.

Catharine her X mark Wright

County of Bedford to wit

I Alexander Kasey a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Catharine Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 25th day of March 1857 has acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 13th day of July 1857

Alexr Kasey notary Public

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 16th day of July 1857. This Deed from Catherine Wright to John Huddleston conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed & admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed C. Wright with the following household on July 17, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
C. Wright	70	F			1,600	500	Virginia				
A. St. Clair	36	F				400	Virginia				

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Catherine Wright in the Henry St. Clair household as follows on September 8, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Henry St. Clair	41	M	W	Farmer	
Susan St. Clair	43	F	W	Keeping house	
Pauline St. Clair	20	F	W	At home	
David St. Clair	15	M	W	At home	
Joseph St. Clair	13	M	W	At home	
Stephen St. Clair	19	M	W	At home	
Lee St. Clair	10	M	W	At home	
Betty St. Clair	3	F	W		
____ St. Clair	2	F	W		
Catherine Wright	83	F	W	At home	
Adeline St. Clair	48	F	W	At home	

Vallue of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
1			
1			
1			
1			

This record indicates that Catherine Wright was born in about 1787.

On March 23, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/262 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Catharine Wright was filed showing a value of $174.90:

"The following is an Inventory of the property of Catharine Wright Decd appraised March 13th 1875

Property	Price $ cts
1 2 Horse Wagon	50.00
1 Pair Lines & 1 Collar	1.50

1 Iron Wedge & Cleirs	.50
1 Mattock	.75
1 Big Plow Cleirs	.75
1 Hay Fork & Hoe	.75
1 Big Pot	.75
1 " Do	.75
1 Small Do	.50
1 " Do	.50
1 Large skillet	.60
1 " " & Lid	.75
1 Tea Kettle	.50
1 Stone Churn (1.00)	1.00
1 " Jar	.60
1 " " low	.50
1 Coffee Pot & Crock	.25
1 Brass Kettle	2.00
2 Candlesticks	1.00
1 Pewter Basin	.50
1 Smoothing Iron	.25
1 Flax Hackle	.50
1 Cupboard	8.00
1 Folding Table	6.00
1 Bureau	8.00
2 Waiters	.40
1 Coffee Mill	.30
2 Pitchers	1.00
1 Pitcher Bowl & Dish	.38
2 Dishes	1.00
1 Large Dish	.50
1 " "	.37
1 Large Bowl & butter plate	.75
1 Woman's Saddle	8.00
1 Feather Bed & Boulster	18.00
1 Under Tick & Stead	4.00
1 Feather Bed & Pillow	15.00
1 Bed stead	2.50
1 Feather Bed	11.00
1 Trundle Bed stead & under Tick	1.50
2 Counterpanes	6.00
1 Quilt	1.50
1 White Counterpane	4.00
1 Sheet	.75
1 Checked Counterpane & Sheet	2.75

1 Counterpane & sheet	5.50
1 Bed Spread	1.00
1 Trunk	1.50
Total	174.90

Pursuant to an Order of the County Court Bedford County made at the February Term thereof, AD 1875, We the undersigned appraisers appointed therein to appraise the property of Catharine Wright Decd, beg leave to report, that on the 13th of March 1875, after being duly sworn we proceeded to appraise the property of the said Catharine Wright Decd as shown by the accompanying Inventory

T. A. Jeter Admr

Philip Saunders
John Huddleston
F. H. Jeter

The foregoing Inventory examined & found in proper form

J E Wharton
Commr of accounts
Bed: Co: Court

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 23rd 1875.

This Inventory and Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Catharine Wright deceased, was produced in said Office, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 23, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/263 a list of sales for the estate of Catharine Wright was filed:

"Sale Book of the Property of Catharine Wright Decd. sold at Public auction March 13th 1875

Property	Price $ Cts	Name of Purchaser
1 2 Horse Wagon	45.00	Adaline St Clair
1 Pair Lines & Horse Collar	1.60	Henry P. St Clair
1 I. Wedge & Cleirs	.50	" "
1 Mattock	1.00	" "

1 Big Plow Cleirs	.50	" "
1 Hay Fork & Hoe	.65	" "
1 Big Pot	.90	" "
1 Do Do	.75	" "
1 Small Pot	.25	Sallie Patterson
1 Do Do	.25	Adaline St Clair
1 Large Skillet	.25	" "
1 Tea Kettle	.25	" "
1 Skillet & Lid	.40	Henry T. St Clair
1 Stone Churn	.60	Albert C Thomas
1 " Jar	.40	R. Huddleston
1 Do Do (Low)	.25	Sallie Patterson
1 Coffee Pot & crock	.20	A. C. Thomas
1 Brass Kettle	1.25	Adaline St Clair
2 Candlesticks	1.10	Jeremiah Wood
1 Pewter Basin	.25	Wm P Thomas
1 Sad Iron	.20	Adaline St Clair
1 Flax Hackle	.25	Henry T. St Clair
1 Cupboard	4.25	Adaline St Clair
1 Folding Table	6.75	Stephen J. St Clair
1 Bureau	8.00	Sallie Patterson
2 Tea Boards	.25	Wm A Carner
2 Pitchers	.75	Joseph Saunders
1 Coffee Mill	.30	Henry T. St Clair
1 Dish	.40	A. C. Thomas
1 Do	.30	Ro. M. Beard
1 Bowl, Pitcher & Dish	.15	Albert C Thomas
1 Bowl & Plate	.75	Charles F. Thomas
1 Large Dish	.15	Wm P. Thomas
1 Dish	.30	Stephen J St Clair
1 Woman's Saddle	8.75	Chas P Craghead Jr
1 Feather Bed & Bolster	25.50	Jas R. Wigington
1 Under Tick & Bed Stead	3.00	Adaline St Clair
1 Feather Bed & Pillow	22.00	John E Saunderson
1 Bed stead	2.50	Henry T St Clair
1 Feather Bed	11.25	Philip Saunders
1 Trundle Bedstead & under Tick	1.20	Sallie Patterson
1 Trunk	.90	Albert C Thomas
Total	$154.25	

I certify the above is a correct list of property sold of the Est of Catharine Wright Decd

Thomas A Jeter Ex

The foregoing list of sales examined & found in proper form

J E Wharton
Commr of Accounts
Bed: Co: Court

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 23rd 1875.

This List of Sales of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Catharine Wright deceased, was produced in said Office, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

In October 1877 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 23/601 Thomas A. Jeter filed his accounting for the estate of Catharine Wright:

"The Estate of Catharine Wright deceased
In account with Thomas A Jeter Executor

		Dr		
1875		To Cash paid Auctioneers fees		5.00
		" " " Phillip Saunders Appraisers		1.00
		" " " taxes (State & Co)		5.61
		" " " " (township)		.34
1876		" " " Burial Expenses		4.00
		" " " Clerks Fees		8.83
		" " " Comr of accounts		2.00
		" " " W W Thaxtons acct		2.31
		" " " W H Preas		7.35
		" " " Atty's fees		5.00
Dec	1	" Commissions on $114.25		11.43
		" Commr fees		
		Settling this account	$2.00	
		Entering date same	.20	2.20
		Balance		99.18
				154.25
		Cr		
1875		By amt List sales	$154.25	
1876				
Dec	1	By balance due estate		99.18
		Page Legatees, To Adaline St Clair		
1875		H S St Clair and Sally Patterson		14.00
March	13			

I certify I examined, stated and settled the above account Current.

J E Wharton
Comr of Accounts

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office July 7th 1877

This Settlements of the accounts of Thomas A Jeter Executor with the will annexed of Catharine Wright deceased, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions.

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C

In Bedford County Court October Term 1877

This Settlements of the accounts of Thomas A Jeter Executor, with the will annexed of Cathaine Wright deceased, having lain the Clerks Office of this Court more than one month for exceptions and none having been taken thereto, was produced in Court, examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro S Quarles CBC"

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright were the following:

1) Joseph Wright, born about 1785 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Rhoda (Wright) Wright, born between December 20, 1791, and June 3, 1792, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Solomon Wright, born about 1794 or 1795 at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Celia (Wright) Wright, born about 1800 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey, born between 1795 and 1804 or about 1802 or 1804 or 1805 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Agnes (Wright) Wheeler, born about 1809 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Malinda (Wright) Mays, born on July 12, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia,

8) Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh, and

9) Possibly Anthony Pennell or P. Wright, born after June 6, 1801.

a. Joseph Wright

Joseph Wright was a son of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1762 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright, Jr., with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
Joseph Wright, Jr.	1			

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property

As will be set forth below, Joseph Wright, the son of 1850 Anthony Wright, was born in about 1785. This would make him over 16 in 1814, as set forth in this list. The listing of this Joseph Wright as Joseph Wright, Jr., indicates that he was younger than 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County who was listed in the same year. The small amount of property and the absence of any other known Joseph Wright of the appropriate age in Bedford County at this time indicates that this listing was probably for Joseph Wright, the son of 1850 Anthony Wright.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright, Jr., with the following household on March 27:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules mares & Colts
Mch 27	Joseph Wright Jr.	1			1

Stud horses No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	Carriages: 2 wheeled riding carriages	Carriages: Phaetons & stage waggons	Carriages: Publick stages	Carriages: all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
			Gigg			

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches: Gold silver or pinchmark	Watches: Single Cased Gold	Watches: Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ country sufficient for The accommodation of one horse	houses in the exceeding in value $500	Ice houses from for private use	Ice houses which ice is sold	Clocks works works of wood without case	Clocks works of wood in the case	Clocks principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]			Printers&	Furniture
of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of$100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	the subscrip-tions annually to their papers	Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press DiningTable or Separate ___ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candle-sticks__ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
		.21

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright, Jr., with the following household on April 20:

Date Receiving lists from individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 20	Joseph Wright Jr.	1		1		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceed-ing value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceed-ing in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						.18

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cts
Apl 28	Joseph Wright	1				

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Right in the Robert C. Ramsey household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Robert C. Ramsey	25	M		Farmer	$300
Elizabeth Ramsey	45	F			
Joseph Right	65	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Joseph Wright was born in about 1785.

Joseph Wright is confirmed as a child of Anthony Wright by a request dated September 20, 1850, and filed in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Case 682, in which Joseph Wright asked that Anthony P. Wright be appointed administrator of Joseph's father's estate:

> "I do here by certify that it is my request that A.P. Wright serve as admistrator of my father estat and also that the said A.P. Wright be appointed the comitioner to sell the above property mention
>
> 20 of September 1850 Joseph Wright
> Test her
> Elmers Dilherce(?) Elizabeth X Ramsey
> mark
> Robert C. Ramsey"

The lawsuit at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 3/203 named one of the party plaintiffs as Joseph Wright and stated that he was entited to one share.

Our Kin also listed a Joseph Wright as a son of Anthony Wright.

These documents clearly identify Joseph Wright as a son of Anthony Wright. The order determining the division of the estate dated September 12, 1855, did not award any amount to Joseph Wright and he may have died prior to that date without a will and without a wife or descendants, in which case his share would simply have passed to the other heirs of Anthony Wright.

b. Rhoda (Wright) Wright, Her Husband 1876 William S. Wright Of Highland County, Ohio, And Her Descendants

Rhoda (Wright) Wright was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1762 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two William Wrights with the same households and the following William Wright was listed adjacent to 1826 John Wright:

Date of Receiv-ing Lists	Persons Names Owning Property 1 March 1811	No of Whites Over 16 years	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks over 12 under 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	William Wright	1			1

Other Taxable property in Manuscript

The marriage bond of William S. Wright and Rhoda Wright was dated on February 6, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony Wright as surety:

"Know all men by these presents that Wm S Wright & _____ Wright are held & firmly bound unto James Barbour Governor of this ComWealth in the sum of $150 Currency for the true payment of Which the sd. Governor or his Successors We bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our heirs Exors &c firmly by these presents Sealed & Dated this 6 day of Feby 1812

The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound Wm S. Wright and Rhoda Wright Now if there Shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above Obligation to be Void Else remain in full force

Teste William S. Wright
Anthony Wright"

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Taxable Property last day of February 1812	Whites over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16	Horses Mares Colts &c	Other Taxable Property
Wm. Wright	1			1	

The similarity of the property owned in this record to that owned by William Wright in 1811 indicates that this was probably 1876 William S. Wright.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Date When Lists	Persons Names owning property 1813	White males over 16	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks 12 & Under 16	Horses colts mares & Mules
	William S. Wright	1			2

Giggs & Riding Carriages
of all kinds 2 & 4 wheels
Stud horses jacks Mills &
____ Licence Ordinary
Licence &c_____

On November 20, 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 14/57 William S. Wright purchased a parcel of approximately 100 acres of land from John Wright and his wife Susannah:

> "This Indenture made the twentieth of November One Thousand Eight hundred and thirteen between John Wright and Susannah his wife of the one part and William Wright of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Wright and Susannah his wife in Consideration of five hundred Dollars lawful money of this Commonwealth to them in hand paid by the said William Wright, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged have bargained and Sold and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said William Wright his Heirs and assigns a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate being in the County of Bedford on the head branches of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as follows, vize Beginning at a post oak in Wm Harris's line thence off new Lines S 7-1/2 W 116 poles to a Spanish Oak S 3 E 25 poles to a red oak bush in the field thence S 62 E 14 poles to a Gum S 31-1/2 E 103 poles to a White Oak in Hughes line thence along his line N 44 E 101 poles to a post oak N 80-1/4 W 30 poles to a Spanish Oak N 13-1/2 W 104 poles to Harris's corner white oak tehnce along his line N 67 W 20 poles to a red Oak, thence N 44 W 70 poles to the first Station Together with the singular advantages and appurtenances thereunto contained unto the said William Wright and his Heirs forever to and for the only proper use and behoof of him the said William Wright his Heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Wright and Susannah his wife for themselves and their Heirs the said Land with all and singular the premises and Appurtenances before mentioned unto the said William Wright his Heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims

of them the said John Wright and Susannah his Wife or either of them, their or either of their Heirs, and all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall, will, do warrant and forever defend by these presents the said William Wright is not at Liberty to dispose of the said Tract of Land during the Natural Life of the said John Wright. In Witness whereof the said John Wright and Susannah his wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and)
Delivered in the)
presence of)

John Wright

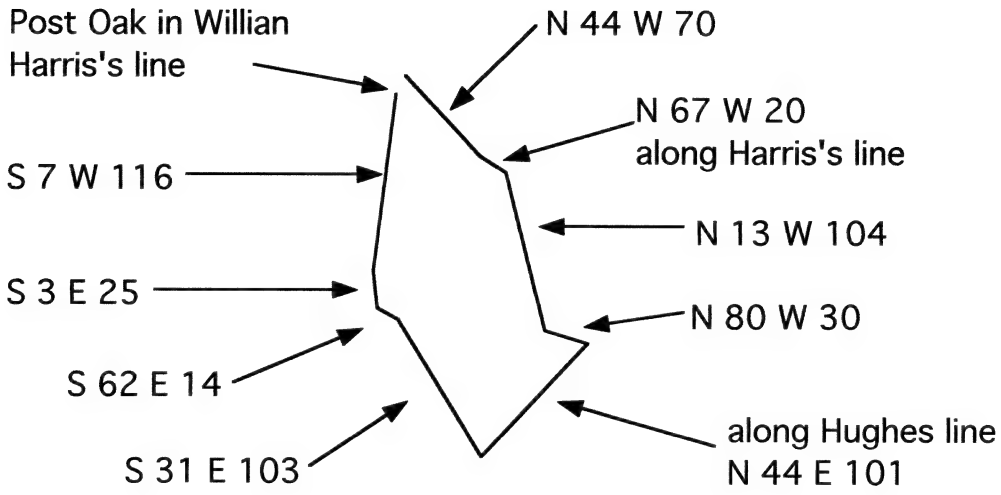
At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of November 1813. This Indenture of bargain & sale between John Wright of the one part & William Wright of the other was acknowledged by the said John Wright & Ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

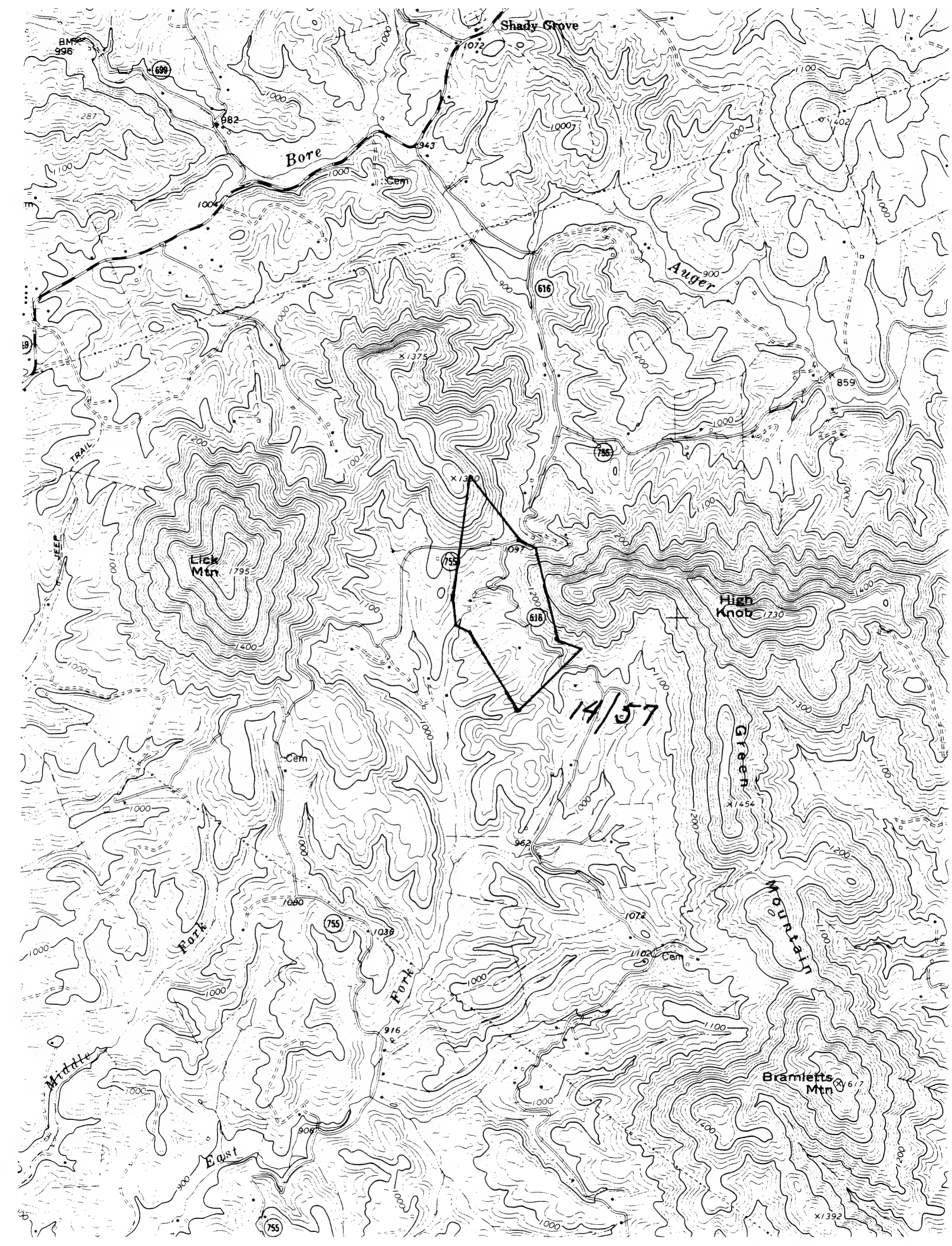
A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 14/57



The location of that land is given in the attached map: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Lick Mtn 1795
High Knob 1730
Green Mountain
Bramletts Mtn
Middle Fork
East Fork
TRAIL
JEEP
Cem
14/57

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 15 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
William S. Wright	1			

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property
	1	

The 1814 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright and William Wright, son of John Wright, with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
John Wright M	prem.	fee		
William Wright son of John	prem.	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at$2.77 p$100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		297	Br. Beaverdam Adjg Wm Wright Wm Harris &c
		100	Same Adjg same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total Of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
15SW	.80	237.60	2.01	2.01	100 As to Wm Wright p Deed & his return
	.80	80.00	.64(?)	.64(?)	

This record clearly identifies the William Wright who purchased 100 acres of land from John Wright in 1813 or 1814 as John Wright's son. As set forth above, that sale was Bedford County Deed 14/67 from John Wright and Susannah Wright to William S. Wright. That John Wright and Susannah Wright were 1826 John Wright of Bedford County and his wife Susannah (Hudnall) Wright, thereby identifying 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio, as their son.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 15:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules mares & Colts
Apl 15	William S. Wright	1			1

Stud horses			Carriages			
No.	Rate of Cover-ing mares	No. of heads of Cattle	2 wheeled riding car-riages	Phaetons & stage waggons	Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
		5				

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches: Gold silver or pinchmark	Watches: Single Cased Gold	Watches: Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ country sufficient for The accommodation of one horse____	houses in the exceeding in value $500	Ice houses: from private use	Ice houses: for which ice is sold	Clocks: works works of wood without case	Clocks: works of wood in the case	Clocks: princi-pally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]: of value between 50 & 100$	Clocks [cont'd]: of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	Printers & the subscrip-tions annually to their papers	Furniture: Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Dining Table or Separate __ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house__

Furniture [Cont'd]: Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsi-cord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candlesticks __ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
		.30

The 1815 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Wm Wright	pres	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		100	On Beaverdam adj John Wright &c

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
	.80	80.00	.68		

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 20:

Date Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 20	Wm. S. Wright	1	1	1		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceeding value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						.88

The 1816 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Wm S Wright	prs	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		100	On Beverdam adj Jno Wright

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes on Land & Lots	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
	.80	80.00	.60		

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on May 14:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cts
May 14	Wm. S. Wright	1		1		

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff
.18	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright son of John with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
William Wright son of John		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		100	on the same adj John Wright

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land @ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
	.80	80.00	.60		

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on May 1:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of Horses	No. of Stud Horses
May 1	William S. Wright	1		1	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & Harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	exceeding value $200	Not exceeding in value $300	exceeding in value $300	Total amount of Taxes
						.18

The 1818 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright son of John with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
William Wright son of John	prem	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		100	On the same

Distance & bearings From the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ per Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land
	.80	80.00	.60	

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 3:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 3	William S. Wright	1		2	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceed-ing in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not ex-ceeding in value $300	Exceed-ing in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						.36

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright son of J with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
William Wright son of J	prem	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		100	On the same

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
	.80	80.00	.60	

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving list	Persons names chargable with the Tax	No. of white male ties above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
	Wm. S. Wright	1		2	

2 wheeled riding carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches and harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding in value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total amt of Taxes
						.36

Proof

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
William S Wright	Bedford	100	On the head of B. Dam

Sum Distance and bearings from the Court house	added to the Land on Value of Land per Acre	account of the Building	Total Value	Amount of Tax ___ for every $100 Value	Remarks
18SW	3.50	150	350.00	.44	

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two William Wrights, one of whom had no family and the other of whom was William S. Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
William Wright	1	26-45	1	26-45
	2	0-10	1	0-10

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	2		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
		1	14-26				

All Other Persons

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on February 1:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No	$ Cts
February 1	Wm. S. Wright	1	1		

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Riding Carriages and harness Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						.67

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held In fee simple or for Life	N. Acres
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	fee	100

Description of Land	Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of land P acre including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on Acct Building
On the head of B dam	18SW	3.50	300

Total Value of Land and Buildings	Amount of Tax at the Rate of $100 Value	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
350.00	.33	

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on May 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
May 25	Wm S. Wright		1	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						.14

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	___	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On the head of B dam

Derscription & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land	Sum added to the Land on acct of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land @ 9 cts p every $100 Value	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.33	

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on March 24:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
March 24	Wm S Wright	1	2		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		.71

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	___	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On head of beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Value	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 12:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 12	Wm S. Wright	1	2		.71

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On head of B dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on March 24:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
March 24	Wm S. Wright		2		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		.24

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On head of beaver dam

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 24:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c
April 24	Wm S. Wright	1	1	2	

Amot of Tax $ Cts
.71

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On head of B dam

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	

On November 4, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/61 William S. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Archibald Wright:

> "On the mo. of Wm S. Wright certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of admr on the Estate of Archibald Wright Dec who made oath & gave bond & Secy accg to Law"

William S. Wright acted as administrator of the estate of his brother 1826 Archibald Wright of Bedford County, a son of 1826 John Wright of Bedford County. He filed an inventory and appraisement in Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/381 in 1827, a list of sales in W.B. 6/387 in 1827, an accounting in W.B. 7/160 dated February 23, 1829, and a final accounting at W.B. 9/89 on September 28, 1835.

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	Wm S Wright	1	2		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		.71

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	On head of beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	

On February 25, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/496 William S. Wright purchased a further 370 acres of land from Commissioner Benjamin Wright from the estate of 1826 John Wright:

> "This Indenture made & entered into this 25th day of Febry 1828 between Benjamin Wright of the County of Bedford Commissioner acting in conformity to a decree of the County Court of Bedford at term held and continued to the _____ ___ day of _____ 1826 of the one part and William Wright of the county aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two Hundred & three dollars & fifty five 1/2 cents current money of Virginia to him in hand paid & secured to be paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold & by these presents doth give grant bargain sell & confirm unto him the said William Wright his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land, subject to the widows dower situate in the county of Bedford & lying on the head branches of the northeast fork of Beaverdam Creek & bounded as follows Viz. beginning at a post oak corner to Newsom thence along his line N 15 W 93 poles to a small dead chestnut & sprouts N 76-3/4 W 66 poles to a pine stump thence along Bufords lines N 43 W 97 poles to chestnut oak stump on the Lick mountain N 2 W 54 poles to a chestnut near the top of sd Mountain thence along Bowles lines N 4-3/4 E 27-1/2 poles to a Hickory stump on the north side of the said Mountain N 69-1/2 E 120 poles to a hickory near the foot of that mountain N 21-1/4 E 96 poles to pointers thence along Sinclairs lines S 56 E 61 poles to a double chestnut and red oak S 46-1/2 E 67 poles to Wm Wrights own corner post oak thence along his lines S 8-3/4 W 132 poles to a Spanish oak S 4-3/4 E 25-1/2 poles to a small Spanish oak S 60 E 14-1/2 poles to a gum on a branch S 29-3/4 E 104 poles to a white

oak on Hughs's line thence along his lines S 46-3/4 poles to pointers thence along Cowells (Lowells?) line, S 69 W Xing two branches 115 poles to the first Station containing 370 acres be the same more or less to have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land Subject to the widows dower aforesaid together with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, unto him the said William Wright his heirs & assigns forever and the said Benjamin Wright Commissioner aforesaid doth covenant for himself his heirs &c to forever warrant & defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land, unto him the said William Wright his Heirs & assigns forever, against the claims or demands of all persons whatsoever claiming by & through him, as commissioner aforesaid & none other: in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and date first above Written.

Benjamin Wright
Commissioner

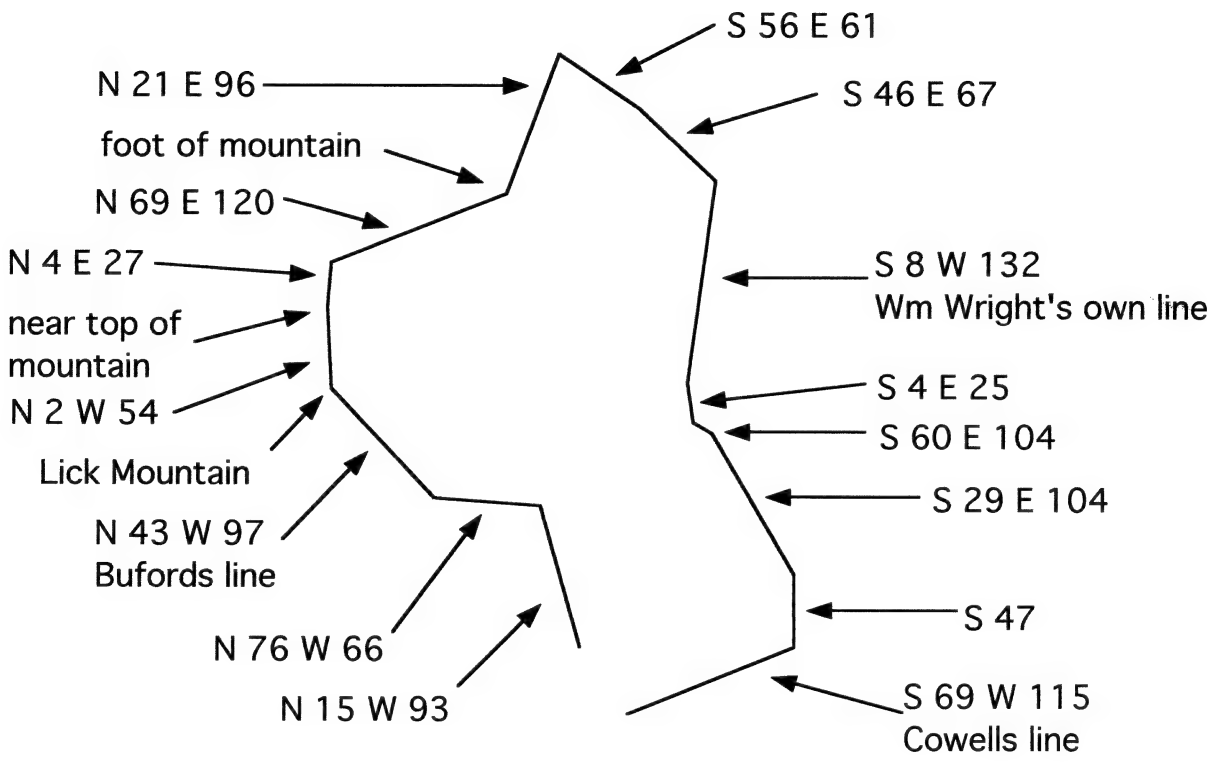
At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of March 1828. This Indenture of bargain and sale from Benjamin Wright commissioner to William Wright was acknowledged in court by Said Benjamin Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

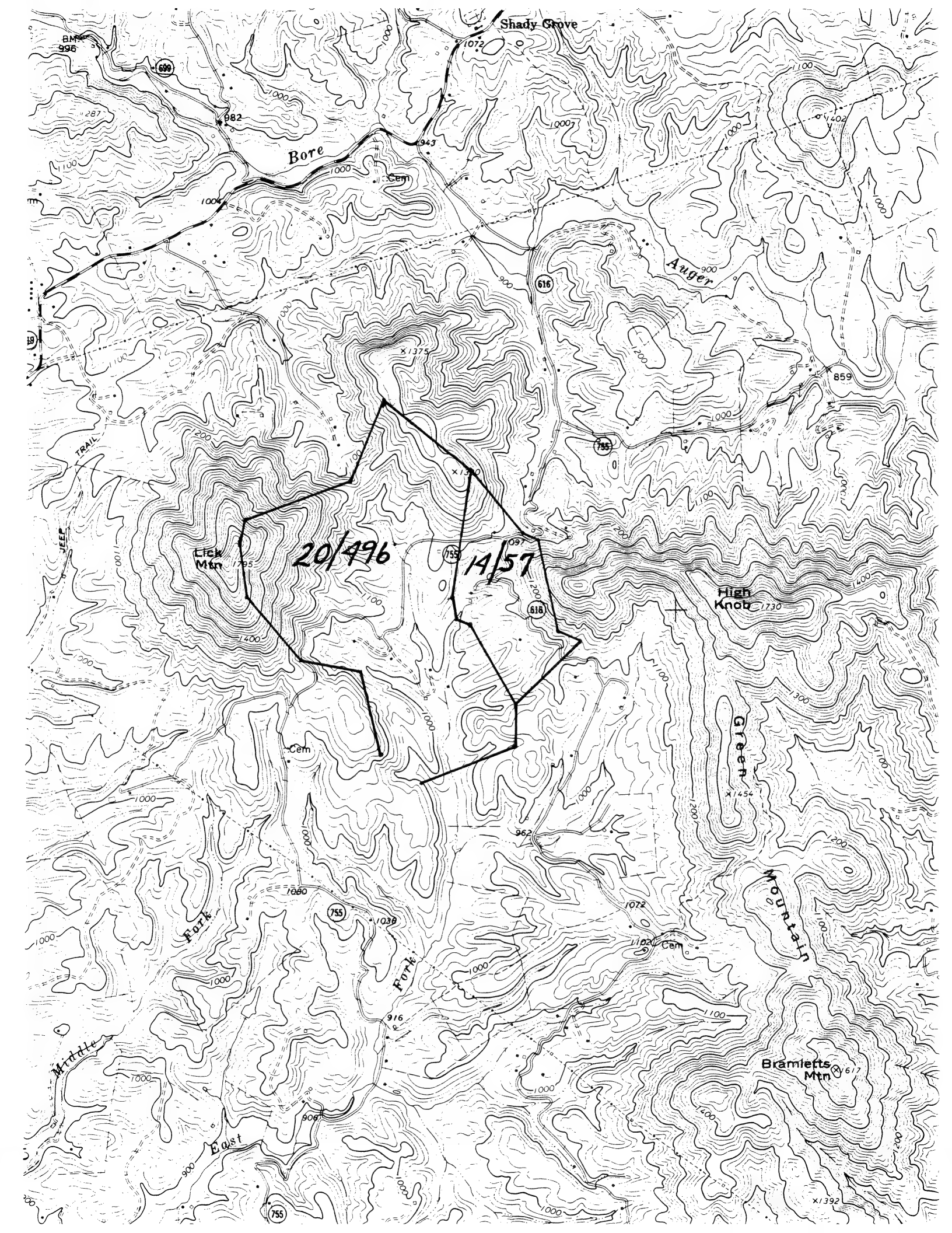
A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 20/496



The location of that land and the adjacent Deed 14/57 is set forth on the attached map: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Bore
Auger
Lick Mtn
20/496
14/57
High Knob
Green Mountain
Bramletts Mtn
Middle Fork
East Fork
Cem
TRAIL
JEEP

On February 25, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/497 William S. Wright executed a deed of trust to Matthew Pate, as trustee, and Benjamin Wright, as commissioner and beneficiary, to secure the purchase price of Deed 20/496:

> "This Indenture made the 25th day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty eight Between William Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part & Matthew Pate of the county aforesaid of the Second part & Benjamin Wright administrator of John Wright deceased of the aforesaid county of the third part Witnesseth that the said William Wright in order to Secure the pay of the following Sums of money due from him to the Said Benjamin Wright administrator of the said John Wright deceased for bonds bearing date the 30th day of December 1826 and payable as follows viz one payable on demand for fifty one dollars & 89 cents one for Seventy Seven dollars & 83 cents payable in twelve months from the date of the first & one for Seventy Seven dollars & 83 cents payable in twelve months from the date of the Second and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said William Wright in hand paid by the said Matthew Pate at or before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged He the said William Wright hath granted bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, delivery & confirm unto the said Matthew Pate, a certain tract of Land situate in the Said County of Bedford on the head waters of the North fork of Beaverdam Creek and including part of the Spurs and Hollows of the Lick Mountain containing three Hundred and Seventy acres by a late Survey bearing date the 16th day of November 1826 it being the Same tract of Land Sold by the said Benjamin Wright Commissioner as aforesaid by Virtue of a decree of the county court of Bedford and purchased by the said William Wright and bounded as follows viz Beginning at Newsoms corner post oak thence along his lines N. 15 W. 92-1/2 poles to a Small dead Chesnut & Sprouts N. 76-3/4 W. 66-1/2 poles to a pine stump on a spurr of the lick Mountain thence up the spur with Bufords lines N. 43 W. 97 poles to a chesnut oak Stump N. 2 W. 54 poles to a chesnut near the top of the mountain N. 4-3/4 E. 27-1/2 poles to a dead Hickory on the North Side of the mountain thence along Bowls's line N. 69-1/2 E. 120 poles to a Hickory N. 24-1/4 E. 96 poles to pointers on a spurr of the piney mountain thence along Smelsers lines S. 36 E. 61 poles to a double chesnut S. 46-1/2 E. 67 poles to the Said William Wrights corner post oak along his lines S 8-3/4 W. 122 poles to a Spanish oak S. 4-3/4 E. 25-1/2 poles to a Small Spanish oak S. 60 E. 14-1/2 poles crossing a branch to a gum S. 29-3/4 E. 104 poles crossing two branches to a white oak in Hughess lines along his line S. 46-3/4 W. 40 poles to pointers thence along Powells line S. 69-1/2 W. 115 poles crossing two branches to the first Station: to have and to hold the aforesaid tract of Land with its appurtenances unto the said Matthew Pate his executors & administrators & assigns forever and the Said William Wright for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of Land with its appurtenances against

the claim and demand of all persons whatsoever unto the Said Matthew Pate his executors administrators & assigns forever, Upon Trust nevertheless that if the Said William Wright Shall fail to pay to the said Benjamin Wright commissioner of the Said John Wright Deceased the amount of his aforesaid bonds as they become due & payable or shall fail to pay the whole amount of his several bonds aforesaid on or before the time the last bond becomes due with the Interest that may accrue thereon The Said Matthew Pate shall answer as conveniently he can, after being so directed by the said Benjamin Wright commissioner as aforesaid or the said William Wright, having previously advertised thirty days notice of the time and place of Sale proceed to sell the aforesaid Tract of Land by way of Public auction to the highest bidder for the best price that can be obtained for the same in redy money, and out of the money arising from such sale, in the first place satisfy and pay the costs and expenses of drawing and recording this present Indenture together with all other charges costs and expenses of carrying this deed of Trust into full and complete effect & then the amount of the bonds aforesaid with the Legal Interest that may have accrued thereon, and the Surplus of any Shall remain to the Said William Wright or to Such person or persons as he may in writing under his hand & Seal appoint, and default of Such appointment to Such person or persons as would thereto entitled by virtue of the statute for the distribution of intestate estates In witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands Seals the day date first written.

William S. Wright
Matthew Pate
Benjamin Wright

At a court held for Bedford County at the court house the 24th day of March 1828. This deed of Trust between William S. Wright of the first, Matthew Pate of the Second part, and Benjamin Wright of the third part, was acknowledged in court by Wm S. Wright & ordered to be recorded.

Teste Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on March 24:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Charged With Tax	Slaves Above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 24	Wm S Wright		2

Stud Horses No $ Tax	_____ & Harness No $ Tax	pheatons & Stage Waggons No. $ Tax	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
			.24

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	on head bever dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18W	3.50		350.00	.28	

On December 20, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 21/263 William S. Wright and his wife Rhoda sold 48 acres of land to James E. Bowles:

> "This Indenture made This 20th day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and Twenty eight between William S. Wright & Rhoda his wife of Bedford County & State of Virginia of the one part & James E. Bowles of the County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that said William S. Wrigt and Rhoda his wife for the consideration of the sum of Twenty Six Dollars & Forty cents current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said James E Bowles at or before the delivery of these present The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sell unto James E. Bowles one certain Tract or parcel of Land containing forty eight acres be the same more or less lying & being in the County of Bedford & on the East Branch of Beaverdam Creek beginning at a Chestnut oak Stump on the lick mountain S 43 E 13-1/2 poles to a pine in Bufords lines off new lines N 32-1/2 E 141 poles to a Chestnut oak on a spurr of the said Mountain thence down the spurr N 73-1/4 E 46 poles to a red oak N 35 E 86 poles to a red oak in Smelsers line thence along his line N 56 W 37-1/2 poles to Bowles's corner pointers thence along his line S 21-1/4 W 96 poles to a hickory on a spurr of the said Lick Mountain thence up the

mountain S 69-1/2 W 122 poles to a dead hickory S 4-3/4 W 27-1/2 poles to a chesnut near the Top of the mountain thence along Bufords lines S 2 E 54 poles to the first station To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract or parcel of land with all the singular appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said James E. Bowles his Heirs or assigns forever and the said William S. Wright and Rhoda his wife for themselves their Heirs doth covenant and agree to warrant & defend the aforesaid tract of land containing forty eight acres be the same more or less with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said James E. Bowles his Heirs & assigns forever against the Claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first written.

William S. Wright

Signed Sealede & acknd in presence of

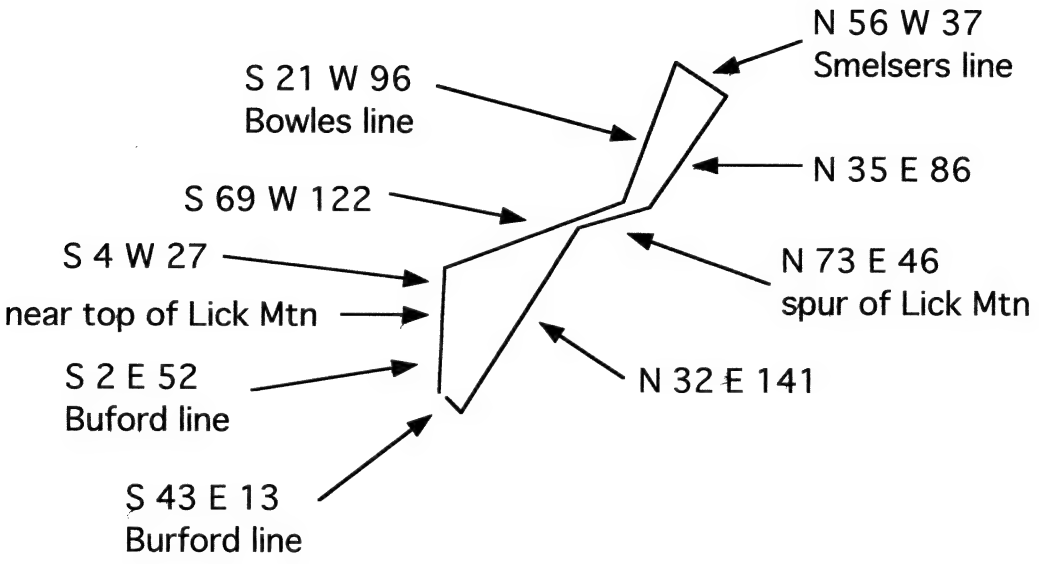
At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof December 22nd 1828. This Indenture of bargain & sale from William S. Wright to James E. Bowles was acknowledged by said Wright and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell, C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description appears as follows and is clearly taken from the northwest edge of Deed 20/496:

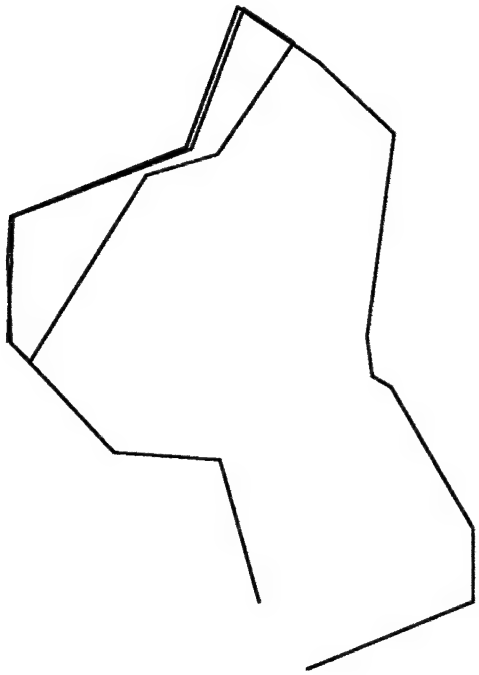
Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 21/263



Bedford County, Virginia

Overlay of Deed 20/496 & Deed 21/293



The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 16:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Mules Colts & Mares	Stud No $ Cts
April 16	Wm S. Wright			2	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & Harness not exceeding in value $100	Above the value of $100	Faytons Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto Carry Alls & Jersey Waggons	Amt of Tax
			.20

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Wm. S Wright	Bedford	100	head of Beaver dam
Ditto	"	322	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation	
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
" "	3.00		966.00	.78	

This record reflects the purchase of 370 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 20/496 and the sale of 48 acres of that land by Bedford County Deed 21/263.

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S. Wright with the following household on April 17:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
April 17	Wm S Wright	1		2	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			.16

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Wm S Wright		100	head of Beaver Dam
Ditto		322	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value	
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
	3.00		966.00	.78	

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed a William S. Wright with the following members of his household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
William S Wright	1	40-50	1	30-40
	1	10-15	1	15-20
	1	5-10	1	5-10
	1	0-5	1	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreign-ers & Natural-ized
8					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following household on April 16:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts &c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 16	Wm S Wright		2			.12

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Wm S Wright	Bedford	100	On Beaver dam Cr
Do	"	322	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
" "	3.00		9.00	.78	

In August 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/344 William S. Wright was appointed surveyor of the road from Beaverdam Creek:

> "Ordered that William Wright be appointed surveyor of the road from Beaver Dam to John Vest's in the room of Nathaniel Newsom and the usual hands are to assist said surveyor in keeping the same in repair"

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Wm S Wright	1		3	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	.18

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Wm S Wright	Bed	100	On Beaver Dam
do	"	322	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
" "	3.00		966.00	.78	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Wm S Wright	1		4

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
			.24

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Wm. S Wright	Bed	100	On Beaver Dam Cr
Do	"	322	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
18SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
" "	3.00		966.00	.78	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Wm S Wright	1		3

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		.18

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm S. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Wm. S Wright	Bed	100	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	322	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	
18 SW	3.50		350.00	.28	
" "	3.00		966.00	.78	

In September 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/323 Robert Lancaster was appointed surveyor of the road from Beaverdam Creek in place of William Wright:

> "Ordered that Robert Lancaster be appointed Surveyor of the road from Beaver dam to William Calverts, in room of William Wright, and the usual hands are ordered to assist said Surveyor in keeping the same in good repair."

In August 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/328 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of William S. Wright for the estate of Archibald Wright:

> "Ordered that Elias James and John Wright or any one of them being first sworn state and settle the account current of the estate of Archibald Wright Deceased with his administrator William S. Wright and report to Court."

On September 26, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/294 William S. Wright and Rhoda Wright sold 281 acres to Henry D. Powell:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord 1834, between William Wright and his wife Rhoda of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Henry D. Powell of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars current money of the United States to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto him the said Henry D. Powell one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and on the waters of the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek containing 281 acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at Newsom's corner post oak, thence along his lines N 15 W 66-1/2 poles to dead chestnut sprouts N 76- 3/4 W 66 poles to a pine stump on a spurr of the lick mountain, thence up the spurr with Bufords line N 43 W 83- 1/2 poles to Bowles's corner pine, thence along Bowles's line N 32-1/2 E 93 poles to a stake and pointers near large rocks on East side of the mountain, thence along Franklin new line S 58-1/2 E 74 poles to a willow in a gut near the foot of the mountain thence continuing along said Franklins lines (formerly the dower lines) S 4-3/4 E 20 poles to a spanis oak stump and sprouts S 78-1/2 E 33-1/2 poles to a stake and stones S 17-3/4 E 28 poles to a post oak sapling N 83 E 15 poles to a small locust N 80-1/4 E 52-1/2 poles crossing a branch to a spanish oak N 8-3/4 E 122 poles to a post oak in Smelsers line thence along his lines S 44 E 70 poles to a red oak S 67 E 20 poles to a white oak thence along Hughes lines S 13-1/2 E 104 poles to Spanish oak S 80-1/4 E 30 poles to a post oak S 46-3/4 W 140 poles to pointers, thence along Abram Powells line S 69-1/2 W 115 poles crossing branches to the first Station. To have and to hold the above described tract of land together with all and Singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining unto him the said Henry D. Powell his heirs and assigns forever. The said William Wright and his wife Rhoda doth for themselves their heirs covenant and agree to and with the said Henry D. Powell to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land free from the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof

they have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and date above written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

William Wright
her
Rhoda X Wright
mark

Bedford County, to Wit.

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that William S. Wright partie to a certain deed bearing date on 26th day of September 1834 annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & ack___ the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this __ day of September 1834.

William Mead J.P.
Matthew Pate J.P.

Bedford County to Wit,

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in ____ County aforesaid and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Rhoda ____ the wife of William S. Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date the 26th day of September 1834 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily ____ from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to ____ the said Rhoda Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and ____ declared that she had willingly Signed, Sealed, and delivered the same ____ she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals the ____ day of September 1834.

William Mead JP
Matthew Pate JP.

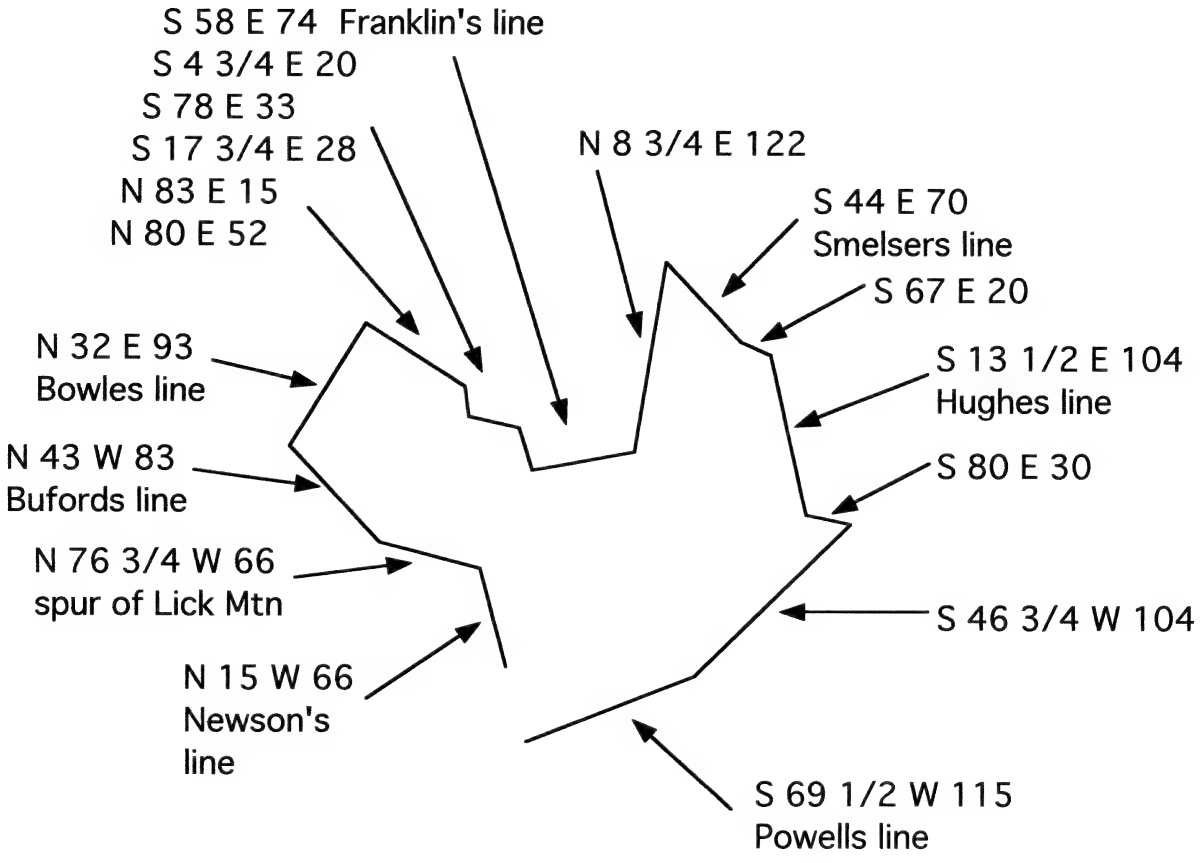
At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27 day of October 1834. This Indenture of bargain and sale from William Wright and Rhoda his wife to Henry D. Powell, was produced in Court together with the certificates thereon endorsed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C__"

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 24/294



On September 27, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/295 Henry Powell executed a deed of trust to James Wright and Alexander Kasey, Jr., to secure the purchase price of Deed 22/294 due to William S. Wright.

On September 26, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/458 William S. Wright and Rhoda Wright also sold 141 Acres of land to Francis Franklin:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord 1834, between William S. Wright and his wife Rhoda of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Francis Franklin of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell and confirm unto him the said Francis Franklin his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being on the North east fork of Beaverdam creek containing one hundred and forty one acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at William S. Wrights corner Spanish oak, thence S. 80-1/4 W. 52-1/2 poles to a stake S. 83 W. 15 poles to a small post oak N. 17-3/4 W. 28 poles, to a stake and stones thence N. 78-1/2 W. 33 poles to Spanish Oak Sprouts N. 4-3/4 W. 20 poles to a willow on a branch, thence N. 58-1/2 W. 74 poles to a stake and pointers in Broles or Pankeys line thence along his line N. 32-1/2 E. 48 poles to a chesnut oak, thence N. 73-1/4 E. 34-1/2 poles crossing the dower line same course 46 poles to a red oak N. 35 E. 86 poles to a red oak in Smelers line, thence along his line S. 56 E. 23-1/2 poles to a double chesnut S. 46-1/2 E. 67 poles, to William S. Wrights Corner post oak along his line S. 8-3/4 W. 122 poles to a spanish oak, thence S 4-3/4 E. 25 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the appurtenance thereunto belonging or in anyway appertaining with him the said Francis Franklin his heirs and assigns forever and the said William S. Wright and his wife Rhoda doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Francis Franklin his heirs and assigns to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands & caused their seals to be affixed the day and date first above written.
>
> Signed Sealed & delivered) William S. Wright
> in presence of) her
> Rhoda X Wright
> mark

Bedford County to Wit

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that William S. Wright partie to the within deed, bearing date on the __ day of September 1834, and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hand & seals this __ day of September 1834.

William Mead J. P.
Matthew Pate J.P.

Beford County to Wit

We William Mead and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Rhoda Wright the wife of William S. Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the __ day of September 1834 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us, privily and apart fromn husband and having deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Rhoda Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seales this __ day of September 1834.

Wm. Mead J. P.
Matthew Pate J. P.

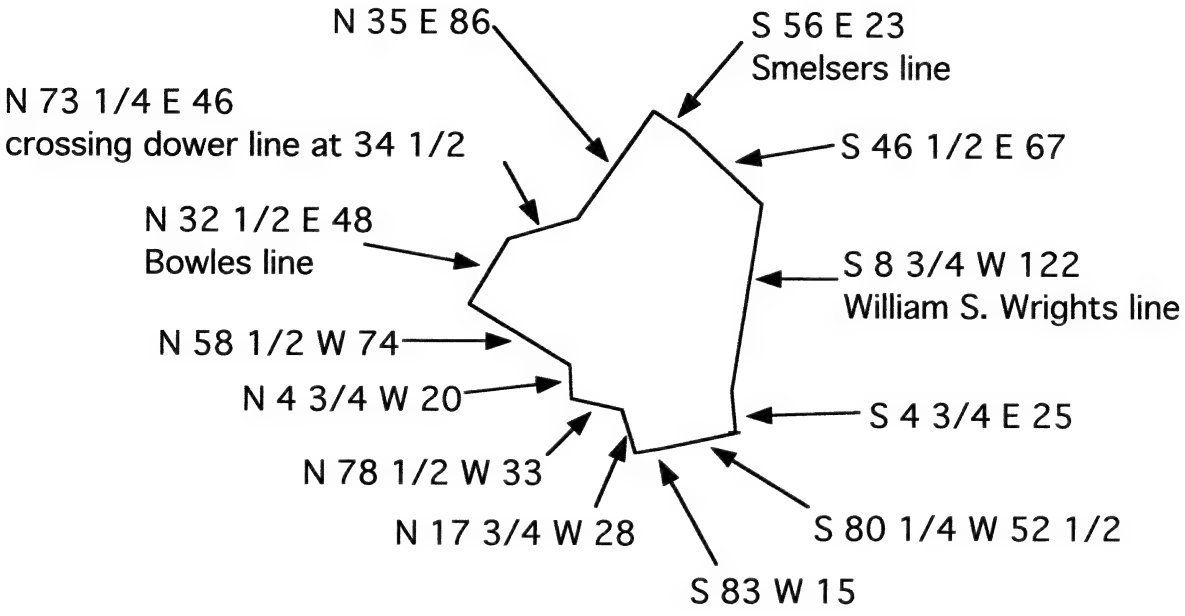
At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of May 1835. This Indenture of Bargain and sale from William S. Wright and Rhoda his wife to Francis Franklin, was produced in Court and toegher with the certificate endorsed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C B C"

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 24/458

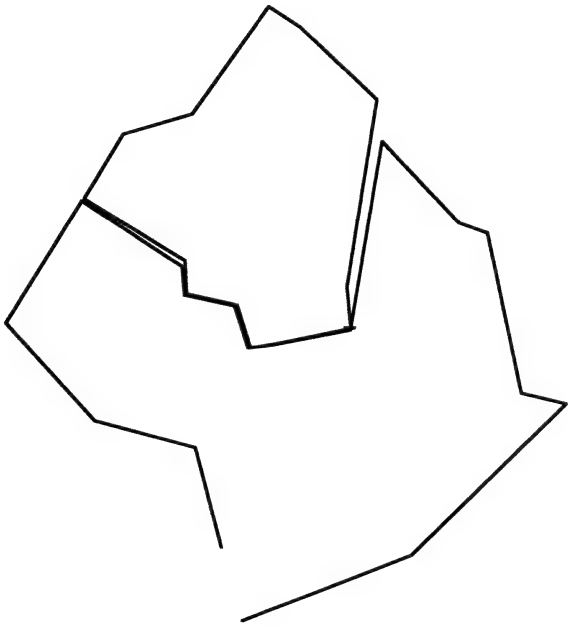


An overlay of Bedford County Deeds 24/294 and 24/458 makes clear that Deed 24/458 represented the sale of the remaining portion of William S. Wright's land that had been purchased from his father 1826 John Wright and confirms that the William Wright, son of John Wright, who purchased 100 acres of land from 1826 John Wright in 1813 was William S. Wright who married Rhoda Wright.

Overlay of

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 24/294 & Deed 24/458



The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list William S. Wright.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William S Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
William S Wright		100	On Bever dam Cr
do		322	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
18	3.50		350.00	.28	
18 SW	3.00		966.00	.78	

This was the last time William S. Wright was listed in the Bedford County, Virginia, Land Tax Lists.

After the sale of their land on September 26, 1834, William S. Wright and Rhoda (Wright) Wright moved to Highland County, Ohio.

On September 12, 1836, at Highland County, Ohio, D.B. 4/341 William S. Wright purchased 56-1/2 acres of land:

> "This Indenture made this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Six, between Daniel Carey and Anna his wife of the County of Highland and State of Ohio of the one part and William S. Wright of the County of Highland and State of Ohio of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Daniel Carey and Anna his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred Dollars current money of the United States, to theim in hand paid, the receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge the said William S. Wright his heirs and executors and administrators: has granted, bargained, sold alined and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargin sell aline and confirm, unto the said William S. Wright his heirs and assigns forever, all their right, title and interest of in and to the following

described tract and parcel of land, situate, lying and bein in County of Highland and State aforesaid on the waters of Clear creek a branch of the Rocky fork of Paint Creek, part of a Survey No 2508 of 2000 acres intered for and in the name of Thomas Streshley bounded and described as follows towit: Beginning at a stone, two white oak and black gum pointers, thence N 72º E 160 poles (not legiable) Gideon Stephens former owner (Sugartree and small oak) at 8 poles crossing a branch at 61-50/100 poles and (not legiable) Stephen's former northeasterly corner (black oak and dogwood) at 169 70/100 poles to a stone near a black gum and dogwood pointers, thence N 18º 30' W 56-5/100 poles to a stone, thence S. 72º West 160 poles to a stone, thence South 19º 30' E 56-50/100 poles to the beginning: containing fifty Six acres and a half of land be it the same more or less and all. Together with all improvements water courses, profits and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the revisions remanders and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title interest, property claims and demand of them the said Daniel Carey and Anna his wife of in and to the same: To have and to hold the land hereby conveyed with all and singular the premises and every part and parcel thereof, with even of the appertinances unto the said Willima L. Wright his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and behalf of him the said William S. Wright his heirs & assigns forever. And the said Daniel Carey and Ann Carey for their heirs executors and administrators do covenant promise and agree, to and with the said William S. Wright his heirs and assigns by these presents that the premises before mentioned now are and forever herafter shall remain free of and from all former and other gifts, grant, bargain, sale, dower, right and title of dower judgments executions, titles, troubles, charges and incumberances whatsoever done or suffered to be done by them the said Daniel and Anna Carey. And the said Daniel and Anna Carey and their heirs all and singular the premises hereby bargained and sold with the appurtenances unto the said William S. Wright his heirs and assigns, against the said Daniel Carey and Anna his wife and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever doth and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In testimony whereof we the said Daniel and Anna Carey have here unto set our hands and Seals the day and year above written

Signed, Sealed & delivered
the presence of
William Wright
(not legible)

Daniel Carey
Anna Carey"

The map on the following page shows the location of the land of William S. Wright in Penn Township, Highland County, Ohio:

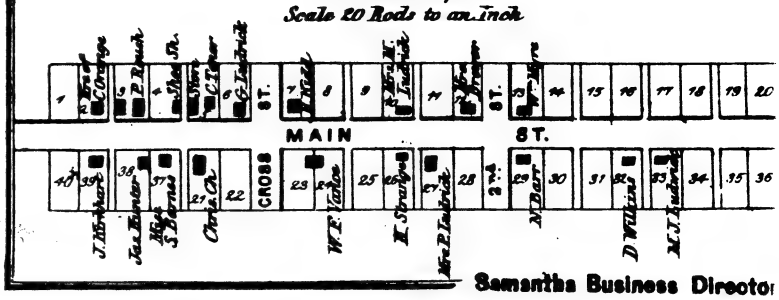
Fairview Business Directory.

Wm. Bosimer, Blacksmith.
C. Toner, Dealer in Fancy, Staple, and Domestic Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Glassware, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Clothing, Patent Medicines, Notions, &c.
Wm. A. Ormage, Professional School Teacher. P. O. Address, Russel's Station. Lives in Hamer Tp.
A. Smith, Stock Dealer. Hamer Tp. P. O., Russel's Station.

FAIRVIEW

(Union Twp.)

Scale 20 Rods to an Inch



Samantha Business Directory

F. M. Thomas, Physician and Surgeon. Office at Samantha.
G. S. Hiten, General Blacksmith; Manufacturer of and in all kinds of Wagons and Ploughs. Horses Shod. Repairing of all kinds promptly attended to.
John Karns, Jr., Manufacturer of and Dealer in Boots and Shoes. Repairing promptly attended to.
D. Tharp, Resident Farmer, and Proprietor of Tharp's Thomas Hiatt. Proprietor of Portable Steam Saw Mill. Manufacturer of and Dealer in all kinds of Lumber. Res. west of Samantha.
Isaac West, Justice of the Peace. Office and Res. one mile south of Samantha, on Pike.
Robert Jackson, Justice of the Peace. Office at Survey No. 2317.

The 1840 Census for Fairfield District, Highland County, Ohio, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	50-60	1	40-50
1	15-20	1	15-20
1	10-15	1	5-10
1	5-10		
1	0-5		

On November 12, 1849, at Highland County, Ohio, D.B. 16/396 William S. Wright purchased another parcel of 14 acres of land from John S. and Sarah Larkin:

"This Indenture made this 12th day of Nov 1849 between John S Larkins and Sarah his wife of the County of Highland Ohio of the one part and William S Wright of the same place of the other part Witnesseth as follows that the Said Larkin and wife for and in consideration of three hundred Dollars to them paid by W S Wright have granted bargained Sold & conveyed and do by these presents Grant bargain Sell and convey to the said Wright his heirs and assigns forever the following tract of land being in the County of Highland and State above named on the Head Waters of Clear Creek Beginning at a white oak ash and two dogwoods Moses Smiths Corner in Stephen Holmes line thence S 17° 30' E 51 poles with said Smiths line to a Stone in James Smithsons line thence with said line S 74° W 45-2/10 poles to a Stone in said line Wm Roburns Corner thence with Said Roburns line N 14° W 50 poles to a Stone another of said Roburns Corners in Shackleys line thence N 73-1/2° E 44 poles passing Shockleys corner and Stephen Holmes corner and with Said Holmes line to the Beginning containing fourteen acres more or less the same being a part of a Survey of 2000 acres entered for Thomas ____ and patented to James Trimble No of entry 2508 Together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging the said Wright to have and to hold the same forever the Said Larkin & wife covenant and agree that the same is free from all incumbrance and that they for themselves heirs and assigns will well and truly Warrant and will defend the same unto the Said Wm S Wright his heirs and assigns forever Against the Just claims of all persons whatsoever In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals

In presence of — John S Larkin
Rus Larkin
Charles Larkin

The State of Ohio Highland County ss: Before me Rus Larkin a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared the above named John S Larkin and Sarah his wife and acknowledge the Signing and Sealing the above

conveyance to be their voluntary act & deed and the Said Sarah Larkin being at the Same time examined by me Separate and apart from her said husband & the Contents of said Instrument made known to her by me she then declared that She did voluntarily Sign Seal & acknowledge the same and is Still Satisfied therewith this 13th November AD 1849

Rus Larkin J.P.

Received & Recorded Decr 29th 1849"

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
William S. Wright	66	Virginia
Rhoda Wright	58	Virginia
Elizabeth Wright	20	Virginia
James Wright	17	Virginia
Anthony Wright	13	Ohio

On November 19, 1850, in Bounty Land Warrant File 23228 William S. Wright filed an application for 80 acres of bounty land for his service in the War of 1812:

"The State of Ohio)
Highland County) ss.

On this 19th, Day of November A.D. One Thousand eight hundred and fity personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace within & for the county and State aforesaid William S. Wright aged sixty one years a resident of Highland county Ohio, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the identical William S. Wright who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Walter Otey in the 10th Regiment of Militia, 1st, Division cavalry, commanded by Col. ___ in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States June 18th 1812, That he was drafted Bedford county Virginia on or about the ___ day of Septr 1814 and continued in the actual service of the United States in said War for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Richmond about the 22d day of Feby A.D. 1815 as will appear by the muster rolls of said company, and also by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented. He has forgotten the name of the Colonel of the Regiment, But Officers names can be discoverd on the rolls.

He makes this declaration in order to obtain the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers & soldiers, who

have been engaged in the Military service of the United States, passed September 28th, 1850.

William S. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed fore me the day and year above writen; and I certify that I believe The Said William S. Wright to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated.

William Keys J.P.

Know all men by these presents that I, William S. Wright of the county of Highland and State of Ohio, have constituted James B. Williamson my true and lawful attorney irrevocably, for me & in my name to receive of the United States the Bounty land certificate or Warrant, for services rendered as stated in the above declaration. Hereby confiring whatsoever this my attorney may lawfully do for me in the premises.

Witness my hand & seal this 19th day of November A.D. 1850

William S. Wright

Signed and acknowledged before me a Justice of the peace in & for the county of Highland State of Ohio, this 19th Day of Novr 1850.

William Keys J.P.

The State of Ohio Highland County J

I Samuel Bell, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the county of Highland aforesaid do hereby certify that William Keys Esq. before whom the foregoing declaration was made and who has thereto subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, duly authorized commissioned and sworn and that his signature thereto is genuine

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court for the county aforesaid this 22d day of November A.D. 1850

Samuel Bell, Clerk"

The attached discharge provided as follows:

"Richmond, February 22, 1815.

William S. Wright a private in my Troop of Cavalry, 10th Regiment, Virginia Militia, first Brigade and first Division of Cavalry, now attached to the 4th Brigade, Commanded by General John H. Cooke, having performed a six months' tour of duty, is hereby honorably discharged.

Walter Otey(?) Capt."

On August 29, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/233 William S. Wright and Rhoda Wright of Highland County, Ohio, appointed James Wright their attorney in fact to deal with the Anthony Wright estate:

"Know all men by these presents that We William S. Wright and Rhoda his wife of the county of Highland and State of Ohio legal heirs of Anthony Wright deceased late of Bedford County and State of Virginia said Rhoda Wright being a daughter of the said Anthony Wright do hereby constitute and appoint James Wright of Bedford County and State of Virginia our Attorney for us in our name to collect by suit or otherwise all debts due and demands owning or coming to us as heirs and legatees of the estate of the said Anthony Wright deceased and We the said William S Wright and Rhoda his wife do hereby fully authorize and empower the said James Wright of Bedford County in Virginia aforesaid by arbitration or in any other manner that he may think best to settle all accounts with said estate and to receipt for all moneys due or owing to us from Said estate by release under Seal or otherwise if necessary Whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises We do hereby confirm the same as if We was personally present and did the same. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this 29th day of August One thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Signed & Sealed in presence of
Thos Bassy
Jas I Woodson

William S. Wright
Rhody Wright

The State of Ohio)
Highland County) ss

Before us the undersigned Justices of the peace in and for said county personally came the Within named named William S Wright and Rhoda Wright his Wife and acknowledged the Within Power of Attorney to be their Voluntary

act and deed for purposes thereon mentioned. Given under our hands and Seals this 29th day of August 1851.

M Waddell J P
Rees Laskin J P
Justices of the peace

State of Ohio Highald County S S

I Samuel Bell Clerk of the Court of Common pleas Within and for the County of Highland in the State of Ohio do hereby certify that Mathew Waddel and Rees Laskin before whom the foregoing Power of Attorney was acknowledged are and were at the time of taking said acknowledgment acting Justices of the peace Within and for said County of Highland dully commissioned and qualified and that full faith and credit are due and given Both in and out of Judical law to all of their official acts as Such Justices of the peace and that the signatures purporting to be theirs is true and genuine In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Said Court this 29th day of August 1851.

Samuel Bell Clk H C P

The State of Ohio S S

I Shephard S. Norris President Judge of the tenth Judicial Circuit in and for the State of Ohio and of Which said district the county of Highland named in the foregoing certificate constitutes apart do hereby certify that Smauel Bell Whose name is Subscribed to the last foregoing Certificate was at the time of the date of said Certificate, and is now Clerk of the Said Court of Common pleas in and for said county of Highland, Ohio and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such and that his said foregoing Certificate is in due form of Law.

S F Norris Prest Judge &c

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 25th day of August 1853.

This Power of Attorney from William S Wright and Rhoda Wright his Wife to James Wright was produced in the said office together with the certificates thereto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C B C"

This record clearly identifies Rhoda (Wright) Wright as the daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County.

On April 14, 1855, in Bounty Land Warrant File 23228 William S. Wright applied for a second 80 acres of bounty land for his service in the War of 1812:

"The State of Ohio)
Highland County) ss.

On this 14th day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me James H. Deys a Notary Public, duly authorized to administer oaths within & for said County & State afresaid William S. Wright aged Sixty six years, a resident of Highland County in the State of Ohio Who being duly sworn, according to law declares that he is the identical William S. Wright who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Walter Otis in the Regiment of Cavalry, commanded by _____ in the War with Great Britain declared on the 18th of June A.D. 1812. That he volunteered at Bedford County in the State of Virginia, on or about the 15th Sept. 1814 for the term of three months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of Six months and was honorably discharged at Richmond, Va. on or about the latter part of Feby A.D. 1815 on account of Peace being declared or at least such was the rumor, as will appear by the muster Rolls of said Company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting additional Bounty Land to certain officer & soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States", approved March 3, 1855 And refers to his former declaration made under (?) act of Sept. 18, 1850, upon which he obtained a Land Warrant No (forgotten) for Eighty acres, which he having legally transferred and disposed of, is not within his power now to return.

He further declares that he has not received a Warrant for Bounty Land under any other act of Congress, nor made any application therefor, than the one above referred to, under act of Sept. 28th A.D. 1850 upon Which he obtained the said Land Warrant, No (forgotten) for Eighty acres, and the one now presented.

William S. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year before written; and I hereby certify that I believe the said William S. Wright, who signed and executed the above declaration and is now present, to be the identical man, who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated, and that I have no interest in said claim

James M. Keys
Notary Public

The State of Ohio)
Highland County) ss

Personally appeared Samuel E. Hibben and Joshua Woodson Junr citizens of the same County & State aforesaid who being duly sworn, depose & say that they are personally acquainted with William S. Wright and that his the person now present who signs & executes the within declaration.

Sam P E. Hibbin
Joshua Woodson Jr

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of April A.D. 1855 and I certify that the same Samuel E. Hibben and Joshua Woodson Jnr are credible and respectable citizens

James M. Keys
Notary Public

I hereby authorize William Keys Esqr of Hillsboro my Agent to prosecute my Bounty Land claim to receive my Land Warrant.

William S. Wright

The State of Ohio)
Highland County) ss

I A. G. Matthews Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County do hereby certify that James M. Keys Esq before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavits were made and executed and who has thereunto subscribed his name is and was at the time of so doing a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and that full faith and credit is given as well in as out of Judicature to his official acts as such, and that his signature thereto is genuine

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at Hillsborough this 18th day of April A.D. 1855

A. G. Matthews
Probate Judge"

The 1870 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed William S. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Value of Real Prop.	Personal Prop.	Birth place
William S. Wright	81	Farmer	2500	750	Va.
wife, Rhoda	77	Housewife			Va.
Elizabeth	35	Asst Family			Va.

On April 11, 1871, in Pension File WC 6953 William S. Wright applied for a pension for his military service in the War of 1812:

"On this 11th day of April, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, personally appeared before me, Wm M Meek, Judge of the Probate Court, a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid William S. Wright, aged 82 years, a resident of Penn T'p, County of Highland State of Ohio, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was Rhoda Wright, to whom he was married at Bedford Co. Va., on the 12th day of February, 1812; that he served the full period of sixty days in the (1) military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical William S. Wright who (2) was drafted in Captain Walter Otey's company, _____ ___ regiment, _____ brigade, _____ division, at City of Richmond, Va, on the __ day of Sept, 1814, and was honorably discharged at City of Richmond, Virginia on the __ day of February, 1815; that (3) he served in the "Light Horse" service, at Richmond, Williamsburg and Hampton, Va doing guard duty entirely and mustered out at close of war that his discharge is in Washington D.C. where it was filed at the time he made applicaion for Land Warrant & has remained there to this time that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, John H. McCutchen, of Washington, D.C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at New Vienna County of Clinton State of Ohio; that his domicile or place of abode is in Penn Township, Highland Co. O.

Attest:
J. P. Morrow
Jos. Q. McDonald

Wm. S. Wright,
Applicant

Also personally appeared Joseph Morrow residing at Penn Tp in Highland Co. Ohio and Joseph J. McDowell residing at Hillsboro in Highland County Ohio persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw William S. Wright, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be: that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Jos Morrow
Jos McDowell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of April A.D. 1871 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words ____ erased, and the words ____ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm M. Meek
Probate Judge"

Highland County, Ohio, Death Records 1868-1883 recorded the death of William S. Wright on June 26, 1876, at Penn Township, Highland County, Ohio:

"Wright, William S.
June 26, 1876
married
87 yr.
D @ Penn Twnsp
b. @ Bedford Co.
old age
resid. @ Penn Twnsp"

Cemetery Inscriptions of Highland County, Ohio, 1954, listed the gravestone of William S. Wright in the Auburn Cemetery, Penn Township, as follows:

"Wm. S.
Wright
died
June 26, 1876
aged
87 yrs. 3 mo
16 ds."

Subtraction of the age from the date of death gives the date of birth of March 10, 1789.

In her letter dated May 20, 1996, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a photograph of the tombstone of William S. Wright located in the Auburn Cemetery, near Samantha, Highland County, Ohio.

In her letter dated June 10, 1978, Mrs. Byrdie Snyder quoted the following obituary from The Highland County News, Vo. 40, No. 13, Hillsboro, Ohio, dated Thursday July 6, 1876:

"Deaths

Wright - June 26, 1876, at his residence, in Penn Twsp., Highland Co., Wm. S. Wright in the 88th year of his age. He was a native of Bedford Co., Va., served in the War of 1812, and was married the same year. He came to this Co. in 1836, and settled near where he died. He was a member of the Baptist Church for about 15 years. He leaves a widow in the 84th year of her age, and six children, all married but one."

The will of William S. Wright was dated May 3, 1867, probated on September 2, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13, and provided as follows:

"In the name of the Benevolent, Father of All, I, William Wright of the County of Highland and State of Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and Testament

Item 1st It is my will that my just debts be paid and my funeral expenses out of any money on hand at my death or out of the first money that may come into my estate;

Item 2d I give and bequeath to my Wife Rhoda Wright the farm in which we now reside containing fifty six and 1/4 acres of land and what personal property the law sets off to her during her natural life and at her death, should she survive me, that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my

son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share to my son Wm G. Wright one share; to my daughter Elizabeth Wright one share, to my son James Wright one share, and to my son Anthony Wright one share.

Item 3d I do hereby nominate and appoint my son John H. Wright and Anthony G. Wright Executors of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing them to compromise, adjust relase and discharge in such manner as they my think proper the depts and claims due me.

I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3d day of May in the year 1867.

Signed and acknowledged by said William Wright as his last will and testament in our presence; and signed by us in his presence
Robt Y (?) Polk
C. C. Bowers

William S. Wright

December the 10 1867 Received of William S Wright one hundred an eighty five dollars for my portion of his estate

Winfield S Wright

The State of Ohio
Highland Co. Probate Court

Personally appeared in open Court C. C. Bowers one of the Subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of William S. Wright, late of Highland County deceased, who being duly sworn to testify the whole truth touching the Execution of said Will deposes and says, that this paper writing now before him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William S. Wright now deceased is the will of said deceased; that he and Robt T. Polk were present at the Execution of said will, that at the request of the testator he subscribed his name to the same as a Witness in his presence, and that he saw the said William S. Wright deceased sign and Seal said and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament; that the said William S. Wright, at the time of making, signing and Sealing said will was over twenty one Years of age, of sound mind and memory and under no undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever

C. C. Bowers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2nd day of September A.D. 1876.

J. C. Norton
Probate Judge"

The following family can be identified from the will:

Wife: Rhoda (____) Wright;

Children:
1) Winfield Wright, oldest son;
2) Lucinda Hansell;
3) John H. Wright;
4) Priscilla Johnson;
5) William G. Wright;
6) Elizabeth Wright;
7) James Wright; and
8) Anthony G. Wright.

On December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 Rhoda (Wright) Wright executed an application for widow's pension giving her place of residence as Clinton County, Ohio:

"State of Ohio, County of Highland, ss:

On this 19th day of December, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven personally appeared before me J.C. Norton Judge, of the Probate Court a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Rhoda Wright aged 86 years, a resident of Farmer Station, county of Clinton State of Ohio, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William S. Wright, who served the full period of sixty days in the (1) military service of the United States in the war of 1812; and who was the identical William S. Wright who (2) was drafted in Captain Otie's company of cavalry ___ regiment, __ brigade, __ division, at Bedford Co. Va, on the 14th day of February, 1813, and was honorably discharged at Richmond Va, on the 15th day of August, 1813, that (3) her recollection is at fault in this regard; that her said husband applied for and received pension under the act of A.D. 1876 that she was married under the name of Rhoda Wright to said William S. Wright on the 12th day of February, 1812, by _____ at Bedford, county of Bedford, State of Virginia, there being no legal barrier to said marriage; that her said husband died at Highland Co O, on the 26th day of June, 1876, and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, did she or her said husband adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government,

giving them aid or comfort, or exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will support the Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act approved February 14, 1871, and hereby consitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation hereself, of ____, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and procure the issuance of a pension certificate to her. That her post office address is Farmers Station, county of Clinton, State of Ohio, and her domicile or place of above is near Farmers Station aforesaid.

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Rhoda X Wright
mark

Also personally appeared Silas Laymon aged 62 yrs, residing at Farmers Station O. and C. W. Smithson, aged 48 yrs residing at Farmer Station O. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say: They were present and saw Rhoda Wright, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents hereself to be; and at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did she, or her said husband, adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, or give them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim. We also state that we have been acquainted with applicant and her late husband for forty years and twenty years respectively

Silas Laymon
C W Smithson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Decr, A.D. 1877, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____, erased, and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

J C Norton
Probate Judge"

Attached to the application for widow's pension was the declaration dated December 19, 1877, by Elisha Johnson, age 54 of Clinton County, Ohio, stating that he

was the custodian of an old family Bible that had been the William S. Wright family for 65 years and records in part as follows:

"The State of Ohio
Highland Co.

I, Elisha Johnson, on my oath say that my age is 54 years, that I reside in or near Farmers Station Clinton County, Ohio, that I am custodian of an old family Bible now before the Probate Court of Highland County Ohio, that the Bible in question as I believe has been in the family of William S. Wright for a period of 65 years or thereabout, that it contains the family record of said William S. Wright, which in part records as follows,

"Marriages,"
"Family Record,"

"William S. Wright and Rhody Wright was married 12th July 1812
X X X X X X"
. . . .

Births -

Lucinda Wright born 14th February 1813,
Winfield S. Wright born 17th May 1818
John H. Wright born 7th August 1821
Priscilla Wright born 3d May 1824
William G.B. Wright born 3d May 1827
Susan E. Wright born 3d April 1830
James L. Wright born 15th Novr. 1832
Anthony G. Wright born 27th June 1836

The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

"Affiant further says that all the foregoing entries were made in said bible by the decedent, William S. Wright in his lifetime; and that he has heard Said decedent Wm. S. Wright say years ago that their second child, died in Early infancy, was named Washington, but the same was not recorded. Affiant further says that he has no interest in this application for Pension.

Elisha Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th December A.D. 1877, and I certify that the Statements of said affiant were fully understood before signing and

swearing, that the same are entitled to full faith and credit and that I have no interest in this case. And I further certify that said Bible now before me bears the marks of great age; that the front binding and leaves are worn off to the 17th chapter of Leviticus, and that the record aforesaid is correctly copied and is, no doubt correct as originally Entered, and corroboration of the Evidence heretofore filed in this case.

J. C. Norton
Probate Judge"

Attached to the Declaration by Rhoda Wright was an affidavit dated February 22, 1877, of Elizabeth Ramsey, a sister of Rhoda Wright, which provided as follows:

"I hereby certify that I was present and witnessed the marriage ceremony between my sister Rhoda Wright and Willian S. Wright which was performed at my fathers house in the County of Bedford State of Virginia in the year 1812

Witness
Thomas A. Jeter Jr.

her
Elizabeth X Ramsey
mark

Bedford County Va to wit:

This day the Subscriber of the above Certificate personally appeared before me John W. Fuqua a Notary Public for and in the County aforesaid and made oath to the above certificate

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1877

John H Fuqua N.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) ss

I Robert S. Quarles Clerk of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid do certify that John H Fuqua whose genuine signature is affixed to the foregoing certificate, is and was at the date of same an acting Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid duly appointed, Commissioned and qualified as such, and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this the 23d day of January 1877

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk"

The widow's pension in Pension File WC 6953 was granted to Rhoda Wright and continued until her death which was listed as on June 3, 1880.

"U. S. Pension Agency
Columbus
Feby 1, 1883

Hon Commissioner of Pensions

I hereby report that the name of Rhoda Wright widow of William 812 Feb. 14, 1871 who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency under Certificate No. 6953 and who was first paid at $8. to Mch 4, 1880 has been dropped because of information received that she died June 3 1880.

Very respectfully,
A. T. Wikoff
Pension Agent"

The Death Record of Rhoda Wright was dated June 3, 1880, at Clinton County, Ohio, and provided as follows:

"Certified Copy of Death Record

The State of Ohio, Clinton County.
Date of Record June 4, 1881 A.D.
No. 9
Name in full Rhoda Wright
Date of Death - Year 1880 Month June Day 3
Condition - (Married, Single or Widowed), Widowed
Age - Years 89, Months ____ Days ____
Place of Death Green Township
Place of Birth Bedford County, Virginia
Occupation housekeeper
Name of Parents (when infant without name):
Father _____
Mother _____
Color white
Cause of Death old age
Last Place of Residence Green Township, Clinton County, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Clinton County,

I, the undersigned, certify that I am Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, within and for said County, which is a Court of Record; that I

am ex-officio Clerk of said Court, and by law the custodian of the records and papers required by law to be kept in said Court; and that among others a Record of Deaths was heretofore required by law to be kept therein; and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from said record of Deaths, Vol. 2 Page 410 now in this office

Witness my signature and the sale of said Court, at Wilmington Ohio, this 4th day of February 1975

Paul E. Riley
Judge
By Louise H. Custis
Deputy Clerk"

Cemetery Inscriptions of Highland County, Ohio, 1954, listed the gravestone of Rhoda Wright in the Auburn Cemetery with the date of death as June 3, 1880, age 88 years.

In her letter dated May 20, 1996, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a photograph of the tombstone of Rhoda R. Wright located in the Auburn Cemetery, near Samantha, Highland County, Ohio.

The 1880 Census for Allen County, Ohio, Marion Township listed W. G. Wright, a son of William S. Wright, and stated that W. G. Wright's father was born in Virginia.

The obituary of William S. Wright dated July 6, 1876, for his death on June 26, 1876, and more fully set forth above, stated that he was survived by a widow "in the 84th year of Rhoda's age". This would place Rhoda's date of birth between June 27, 1791, and July 7, 1792. The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed her age as between 30 and 40. The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed her age as 58 and born in Virginia. The 1870 Census for Highland County, Ohio listed her age as 77 and born in Virginia. From this data it seems fair to conclude that Rhoda (Wright) Wright has born between December 20, 1791, and June 3, 1792, and in any event in 1791 or 1792.

The Censuses clearly place her birth in Virginia, and since her father Anthony Wright was residing on a farm in Bedford County, Virginia, at that time, it seems fair to conclude that she was born in Bedford County.

On August 19, 1880, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed an Application for Letters Testamentary for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Application for Letters Testamentary

The State of Ohio,)
Highland County, ss:) In the Probate Court of said County.

The last Will and Testament of William S Wright late of said County, deceased, having been heretofore admitted to probate in said Court, and the undersigned, having been named therein as one of the executors thereof hereby make application for Letters Testamentary thereon. John H Wright the other Exr being deceased.

Said Decedent left personal Estate subject to administration, estimated of the value of about	$none
And Real Estate directed by said will to be sold, of estimated value of about	$1600.00
Total	$1600.00
I offer in bond	$3200.00

with Wm A Henry and W G Wright and A J Frazier all freeholders of this County, as sureties, and suggests that there is no personnal property to appraise and no widow living but there is 56-1/4 acres of lakd to be sold by the Exr & the ____ to be ____ the will all debts have been paid

A. G. Wright

The foregoing application was signed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th day of August 1880

____ B Gare__
Probate Judge.

Post Office Address of Applicant:
New Vienna, Clinton County, Ohio."

On August 19, 1880, in Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his Executor's Bond with W. G. Wright, William S. Henry, and A. J. Frazier as sureties.

On August 19, 1880, in Highland County, Ohio, File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed an inventory of the estate of William S. Wright:

"William S. Wright's Estate

Inventory of Real Estate Directed by the Will of Decedent to be sold by the Executor.

Situate in the County of Highland State of Ohio and in Penn Township, lying and being on the waters of Clear Creek, a branch of the Rocky Fork of Paint Creek, being a part of Survey No 2508, of 2000 acres entered for and in the name of Thomas Streshley and bounded and described as follows Viz:-Begining at a Stone, two white oaks and a black gum, pointers: Thence N. 72° E. 160 poles, passing Gideon Stephen's former Corner (a Sugartree, and Small oak) at 8 poles, crossing a branch at 61-50/100 poles, and passing Stephen's former northeasterly Corner, (a black oak & Dogwood) at 149-70/100 poles to a Stone, near a black gum and a Dogwood pointers: Thence N. 18° 30' W. 56-50/100 poles to a Stone: Thence S. 72° W. 160 poles to a Stone: Thence S. 19° 30' E 56-50/100 poles to the begining. Containing Fifty Six and One Quarter (56-1/4) acres of land be the Same more or less. Being the same lands Deeded by Daniel Cary and Anna Carey, to Wm S. Wright by a Deed dated September 12th A.D. 1836

Value $1600.00
A. G. Wright

State of Ohio Highland County SS.

I Anthony G Wright Executor of the Will of Wm S Wright make solemn oath that the above is a true & correct Inventory of the Real Estate of Wm. S. Wright decd. which is directed by the Will of decedent to be sold by the Executor

A. G. Wright

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th day of August 1880.

Geo B. Gardner
Probate Judge"

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880				
Aug 19	To cash for real estate sold to Samuel Ingle		$1600.00	1600.00
	Accountant claims credit as follows.			
Aug 08	80 pd probate Judge fees	1	8.50	
	paid probate Judge	2	2.00	
	paid Beason fetso diging grave	3	2.25	
	paid F. C. Quinn for medacine	4	8.00	
	paid W. R. Fines for monument	5	50.00	
	paid delinquent taxes	6	15.74	
	paid legacy in full W. G. Wright	7	205.14	291.53
	paid J. L. Wright a legatee in full	8	205.14	
	paid priscilla Johnson a legatee in full	9	205.14	
	paid L. W. Hansell a legatee in full	10	205.14	
	paid Lizzie Wright a legatee in full	11	205.14	
	paid A. G. Wright a legatee in full	12	205.14	
	paid J. H. Wrights heirs as follows:-			
	Clark Wright	13	68.38	
	Laura Phelps	14	68.38	
	mrs A. B. Kelly	15	68.38	1230.84
				1522.47
	Pd Probate Judge the a/c		6.70	
	Admr Compensation		70.83	1600.00

Said estate is all administered, & acconn__ files this a/c as his report of said estate

Affidavit To Account

The State of Ohio,) I, A G Wright
Highland County, ss.) Exr.
of the Estate of Wm S Wright do make solemn oath that the within is a true and correct account of said Estate, as I verily believe.

Sworn and Subscribed to this 16 day of June A.D. 1881

A. G. Wright

Before me, Geo B Gardner Probate Judge.

Probate Court Highland County Ohio Continued and held July 18 1881 No 3392

In re the estate of) Final Acct
Wm S Wright)

Notice of the filing of the account of A G Wright Executor of the estate of Wm S Wright decd that the same was set for hearing for July 18" 1881 having been duly given by publication in the Highland Weekly News a newspaper of this County and this being the day named therein for a hearing of said account the same this day came on to be heard and no exceptions thereto being filed the Court carefully examined and finding said account in all things true and correct it is ordered that the same be and it is hereby appoved and settled

The Court further finds that said Executor has fully administered said trust and that there is no further balance of said estate remaining in his hands

Geo B Gardner
Probate Judge"

In five sets of his undated notes Cletus Orlen Wright stated that his father's father William S. Wright was born in Bedford County, Virginia.

A Portrait and Biographical Record of Mercer and Van Wert Counties, Ohio, 1896, at pages 888-889 in connection with William Greenberry Wright, their son, stated that William S. and Rhoda were members of the Baptist Church.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio, were the following:

1) Lucinda (Wright) Hansel or Hensel, born on February 14, 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Washington Wright, born between 1813 and 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Winfield Scott Wright, born on May 17, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John H. Wright, born on August 7, 1821, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Priscilla (Wright) Johnson, born on May 3, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) William Greenberry Wright, born on May 3, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Susan Elizabeth "Belle" Wright, born on April 3, 1830, at Bedford County, Virginia,

8) James L. Wright, born on November 15, 1832, at Bedford County, virginia, and

9) Anthony G. Wright, born on June 27, 1836, at Highland County, Ohio.

i. Lucinda (Wright) Hansel Or Hensel And Her Husband John Hansel Or Hensel

Lucinda (Wright) Hansel Or Hensel was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1762 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

In her letter dated December 11, 1995, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a copy of the marriage record of Lucinda Wright and John Hansel dated on October 26, 1848, at Highland County, Ohio:

"October 26th 1848. united in matrimony by me John Hansel and Lucinda Wright

Wm M McReynolds M. G.

Recorded Oct 30th 1848"

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the marriage of Lucinda Wright and John Hansel in October 26, 1848, at Highland County, Ohio, with the marriage performed by William M. McReynolds.

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed John Hensell with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Property	Born
John Hensell	64	M	Farmer	$6,000	Virginia
Lucinda Hensell	37	F			Virginia

This record indicates that Lucinda (Wright) Hensell was born in about 1817 and that John Hensell was born in about 1786.

1870 Census, Highland County, Ohio listed John H. Wright in Liberty Township with the following household:

Wright

John H. 58, M, Traader, 12000/7500, Va.
Eliza J., 46, F, Keeping house, O.
Clark, 21, M, Bar tender, O.
Laura J., 18, F, Helps Ma, O.
Emma F., 16, F, At school, O.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed Lucinda Hansell as one of his children:

". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share . . . ."

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of Lucinda Wright from the Family Bible:

"Births -

Lucinda Wright born 14th February 1813,
. . . .

The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright which listed L. W. Hansell as a legatee:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:
. . . .

Aug 08

. . . .
a legatee in full
paid L. W. Hansell 10 205.14
. . . ."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel . . . ."

In undated notes Cletus Orlen Wright stated that John Hensel may have been a policeman.

ii. Washington Wright

Washington Wright was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of Washington Wright from a Family Bible:

". . . . Affiant further says that all the foregoing entries were made in said bible by the decedent, William S. Wright in his lifetime; and that he has heard Said decedent Wm. S. Wright say years ago that their second child, died in Early infancy, was named Washington, but the same was not recorded . . . ."

iii. Winfield Scott Wright

Winfield Scott Wright was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed Winfield Wright as one of his children:

". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; . . . ."

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of Winfield S. Wright from a Family Bible:

> "Births -
> . . . .
>
> Winfield S. Wright born 17th May 1818
> . . . .
>
> The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

> ". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows; . . . . Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; . . . ."

This record indicates that Winfield Scott Wright may have died before 1896. Since Winfield S. Wright was also not listed as a legatee in the accounting by Anthony G. Wright for the estate of William S. Wright dated June 16, 1881, and filed at Highland County, Ohio, probate File 3392, he probably died before June 16, 1881, without descendants.

iv. John H. Wright And His Wife Eliza Jane (Williams) Wright

John H. Wright was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the issuance of a marriage license to John H. Wright and Eliza Jane Williams on January 16, 1844, at Highland County, Ohio.

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed John H. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Property	Born
John H. Wright	28	M	Trader	$1200	Virginia
Eliza J. Wright	25	F			Ohio
Clarkson E. Wright	1	M			Ohio

This record indicates that John H. Wright was born in about 1822 and that Eliza Jane (Williams) Wright was born in about 1825.

1870 Census, Highland County, Ohio listed John H. Wright in Liberty Township with the following household:

Wright
John H. 58, M, Trader, 12000/7500, Va.
Eliza J., 46, F, Keeping house, O.
Clark, 21, M, Bar tender, O.
Laura J., 18, F, Helps Ma, O.
Emma F., 16, F, At school, O.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed John Wright as one of his children:

". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share . . . ."

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of John H. Wright from a Family Bible:

"Births -
. . . .

John H. Wright born 7th August 1821
. . . .

The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright which listed "J. H. Wrights heirs" as legatees:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880
. . . .

Aug 08
. . . .

paid J. H. Wrights heirs as follows:-			
Clark Wright	13	68.38	
Laura Phelps	14	68.38	
mrs A. B. Kelly	15	68.38	1230.84
			1522.47"

This record indicates that John H. Wright had died before June 16, 1881.

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows; . . . . Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; . . . ."

This record indicates that John H. Wright had died before 1896.

v. Priscilla (Wright) Johnson And Her Husband Elisha Johnson

Priscilla (Wright) Johnson was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

In her letter dated December 11, 1995, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a copy of the marriage record of Priscilla Wright and Elisha Johnson dated on May 31, 1844, at Highland County, Ohio:

"on the 31st day of May 1844 Elisha Johnson & Priscilla Wright were legally Joined in marriage by me

George M. Fowescer(?)"

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the marriage of Priscilla Wright and Elisha Johnson on May 31, 1844, at Highland County, Ohio.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed Priscilla Johnson as one of his children:

". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share . . . ."

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of Priscilla Wright from a Family Bible:

"Births -
. . . .

Priscilla Wright born 3d May 1824
. . . .

The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880
. . . .

Aug 08
. . . .

paid priscilla Johnson 9 205.14
a legatee in full
. . . ."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel; Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; Priscilla, wife of Elisha Johnson, of Clinton couty, Ohio; . . . ."

vi. 1907 William Greenberry Wright Of Hillsdale County, Michigan, His Wives Louisa (Manker) Wright And Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright, And His Descendants

1907 William Greenberry Wright of Hillsdale County, Michigan, was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The Family Bible of William Greenberry Wright, a certified copy of which is in the possession of the author, listed the following family information:

"Parents' Register

Father

William Greenberry Wright was born in the year of our lord 1827 May 3rd

Mother

Louisa Wright was born June 27th in the year of our lord 1832

Martha Wright was born May 6th 1851

Births

Sylvanous Wesley Wright was born November 19th in the year of our lord 1850

Vinson Howard Wright was born July the 23rd in the year of our lord 1853

Leweler Bell Wright was born October 25th in the year of our lord 1855

Eugenie Ellen Wright was born january the 1st in the year of our lord 1860

Marriages

William G. Wright and Louisa Manker was maried Jan 2th in the year of our lord 1850

William G. Wright and Martha R Judkins was maried June 13th 1872

Gurtrude Golda Wright was borned May 31th in the year of our lord 1891

Deaths

Louisa Wright wife of W. G. Wright, departed this life October 5th, 1871.

Lena May Wright departed this life April 19th 1872

Leweler bell Judkins Departed this life July 31th 1878

Novada Emma Wright was born May the 5th in the year of our lord 1862

Lena May Wright was born August 9th in the year of our lord 1871

Infant Girl born December 14th the year of our lord 1874

Birty Dell Wright was born June the 22nd in the year of our lord 1876

Lutellis Wells Wright was born February 13th in the year of our Lord 1878

Mable Rosaline Wright was born March 27th in the year of our lord 1880

Cletous Orlin Wright was born September 3rd 1882 in the year of our lord

Lilly Antice Wright was Born March 29th in the year of our Lord 1885

Dulcina Rhoda Wright was born February _ in the year of our Lord 1888

Gurtrude Golda Wright was born May 31th In the year of lord 1891

Having examined the original copy subscribed and sworn before me this 6 day of may 1943 that this is a photo copy of birth record of Cletus O. Wright

Cletus O. Wright
Walter J. Betzold
Notary public

My commission expires Sept. 25, 1944"

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the marriage of William Greenberry Wright and Louisa Manker on January 2, 1850, at Highland County, Ohio.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed William G. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share to my son Wm G. Wright one share; . . . ."

The 1870 Census for Marion Township, Allen County, Ohio, listed William G. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Born
William G. Wright	48		Virginia
Louisa Wright	37		Ohio
Sylvanous Wright	20	M	Ohio
Vinson H. Wright	17	M	Ohio
Leuellen Wright	15	F	Ohio
Eugenia Wright	12	F	Ohio
Nevada E. Wright	9	F	Ohio
Ellen Manker	40	F	Ohio

This record indicates that William Greenberry Wright was born in about 1822 and that Louisa (Manker) Wright was born in about 1833.

As will be set forth below, the second wife of William Greenberry Wright was Martha Rebecca Judkins.

The 1870 Census for Marion Township, Allen County, Ohio, listed Martha R. Judkins in the Antis C. Judkins household and her age as 19 and born in Ohio, indicating a date of birth in about 1851.

After the death of his first wife Louisa (Manker) Wright on October 5, 1871, William Greenberry Wright remarried. The marriage record of William G. Wright and Martha Judkins was dated on June 8, 1872, at Allen County, Ohio:

"Marriage Record

A Marriage License was issued to William G. Wright and Martha Judkins on June 8, 1872

M. M. Meily
Probate Judge

The State of Ohio,
Allen County, ss:

I do hereby certify, that on the 14th day of June, 1872, I joined in Matrimony, Mr. William G. Wright and Miss Martha Judkins

Charles Farnsworth
V.D.M.

Filed and Recorded this June 19, 1872

The State of Ohio, Allen County

I, the undersigned, Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court, within and for said County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full and complete transcript from the Record of Marriages, Vol. C-1, page 123, required by the Laws of Ohio to be kept in the Probate Court of said County.

Witness my signature and the seal of said Court, at Lima, Ohio, this 21st day of March, A.D., 1974

David O. Steiner
Judge and ex-officio of the Probate Court of said County
Barbara Lydd
Deputy Clerk"

A photograph of Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright in about 1872 appears as follows:

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of William Greenberry Wright from a Family Bible:

"Births -

. . . .

William G.B. Wright born 3d May 1827

. . . .

The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

The 1880 Census for Marion Township, Allen County, Ohio, listed W. G. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
W. G. Wright	53	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Martha Wright	29	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
Eugenia Wright	21	Ohio	Virginia	Ohio
Nevada Wright	18	Ohio	Virginia	Ohio
Bertie Wright	4	Ohio		
Lutellis Wright	2	Ohio		
Mabel Wright	2 mos	Ohio		

This record indicates that William Greenberry Wright was born in about 1827 and that Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright was born in about 1851.

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880

. . . .

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. . . .

paid legacy in full W. G. Wright	7	205.14	291.53

. . . ."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, provided the following biography of William Greenberry Wright:

"W. G. Wright, an experienced farmer of Ridge township, Van Wert county, Ohio, and an ex-soldier, is a native of Virginia, and was born May 3, 1827. His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel; Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; Priscilla, wife of Elisha Johnson, of Clinton couty, Ohio; William Greenberry, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who resides in Missouri; James L., a physician, residing in the Argentine Republic, and Anthony G., of Highland county, Ohio. The parents of these children came to Ohio in 1835 and settled in Highland county, where the father followed farming. He had served in the war of 1812, and died in tranquility in the land which he had fought to preserve, in the eighty- eighth year, his life-partner having died in her eighty- fifth - both members of the Baptist church.

William Greenberry Wright passed the earliest part of his life on his father's farm in Highland county, Ohio, he having been about eight years of age when his parents came to this state. He was married, January 2, 1850, to Miss Louisa Manker, to which marriage were born the following children: Wesley T., who resides in Delphos, Ohio, and who is an active emmber of the republican party; V.H., a farmer of Van Wert county; Luella Belle, deceased; Eugenie, wife of Oliver Poland, mail agent on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Drayton railroad, with his residence near Delphos; Novada E., wife of Dr. Wiliam Roush, of Spencerville, Ohio; Lena, and two who died in infancy without being named. The mother of this family was also called to her final rest October 4, 1871.

February 10, 1863, W.G. Wright, our subject, enlisted for three years in the Thirteenth Ohio cavalry. He was wounded in the side by a rifle-ball at Petersburg, Va., and shortly thereafter was wounded in the knee; he was then detailed as recruiting officer at Cincinnati, his regiment having suffered severe losses, and was finally discharged at Amelia C.H., Va., by reason of the close of the war. On returning home he re-engaged in farming and June 13, 1872, married Miss Martha R. Judkins, daughter of Franklin and Caroline A. Judkins, early settlers of Highland County, Ohio, who died, respectively, in 1863 and March 10, 1885. To this second marriage of Mr. Wright have been born the following named children: Birdie Delle, Loutellis, Mabel Rosaline, Cletus Orlin, Lillie A., Rhoda D., and Goldie - the last named meeting a sad death by being drowned in a cistern. Beside the children here named, there were four who died unchristened.

In 1882 Mr. Wright came to Van Wert county and purchased a farm of 100 acres on the Ridge road, about three and one-half miles east of the city of Van Wert, and this farm is one of the best improved in the township. In politics Mr. Wright is a democrat, and in 1893 was elected trustee of his township, in which there have been graded sixteen miles of gravel roads under his management. It may here be recorded that Mr. Wright is a man of note as a deer hunter, and many trophies of his skill and prowess, and marksmanship adorn his dwelling. The apiary has also claimed his attention for more than forty-five years, and a card attached to the gable end of his dwelling house bears the inscription, "Hunters' Home - Home of the Bee." Mr. Wright is a Mason in good standing and Mrs. Wright is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and socially the family mingle with the best of Ridge township's citizens."

From this record the family of William Greenberry Wright can be identified as follows:

1st Wife: Louisa (Manker) Wright

Children
1) Wesley T. Wright;
2) V. H. Wright;
3) Luel& Belle Wright;
4) Eugenie (Wright) Poland;
5) Novada E. (Wright) Roush;
6) Lena Wright;

2nd Wife: Martha R. (Judkins) Wright

Children:
1) Birdie Dell Wright;
2) Loutellis Wright;
3) Mabel Rosaline Wright;
4) Cletus Orlin Wright;
5) Lillie A. Wright;
6) Rhoda D. Wright; and
7) Goldie Wright.

In about 1902 a photograph of the William Greenberry Wright family was taken and Peter Coster has identified the persons in the photograph on the sheets following the photograph:

In her letter dated October 6, 1994, Karen Piojda enclosed photographs of the gravestones for Martha R. Judkins located in the Ridge Cemetery, Van Wert County, Ohio, and the first of which stated:

"Mother
Martha R. Judkins
wife of
W. G. Wright
Born May 5, 1851
Departed this life
Oct. 4, 1904
Aged 53 Y.4 M.29 D."

On February 18, 1907, William Greenberry Wright filed for a pension for his service in the Civil War in File SC 685-188:

"Act Of February 6, 1907.
Declaration For Pension

State of Michigan)
County of Lenawee) ss

On this 18th day of February, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and Seven personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William G. Wright who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 79 years of age, and a resident of the Township of Pittsford county of Hillsdale, State of Michigan; and that he is the identical person who was enrolled at Hillsborough Highland Co Ohio under the name of William G. Wright, on the about 4th day of January 1864, as a private in Co. 'C" 13th Ohio Cavalry Volunteers in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged at Amelia Court House Va, on the 4th day of July 1865 That he also served ____ That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment ws as follows: Height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, dark; color of eyes, black color of hair, black; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born May 3d 1827, at Bedford Co Va

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: after leaving the service I lived in Highland Co Ohio a short time then in Allen County Ohio near Delphos 2 or 3 years then in Ridge Township Van Wert Co Ohio 37 years I then came to the Township of Pittsford Hillsdale County Michigan where I have since resided

That he is a pensioner. That he has heretofore applied for pension That he is a pensioner under Certificate No 685188.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is Hudson, county of Lenawee State of Michigan

Attest: William G Wright
Loutellis W Wright
C W Peltier

Also personally appeared Loutellis W. Wright, residing in Township Pittsford Michigan and Charles W. Peltier residing in Township Pittsford Michigan, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw William G. Wright, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 20 years and 30 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Loutellis W Wright
Charles W Peltier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February A.D. 1907 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words _____ erased and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Certificate on file at Washington D.C.

James B Thorn
Notary Public
Commission expires Jan 8th 1911"

Enclosed with that Declaration was a further declaration of William G. Wright in File SC 685-188:

"Certificate No 685188
Name William G. Wright

Department Of The Interior,
Bureau Of Pensions

Washington, D.C., January 15, 1898.

Sir:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully
M Clay Grant
Commissioner

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Yes. Martha Rebecca, maiden name Judkins

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. June 13" 1872 Allen Co" O. by Rev. Chas Farnsworth

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Birth record & Probate Court of Allen Co. O

Fourth. Were you preeviusly married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. Yes. Louisa Manker Died Oct 5 1871 in Allen Co" Ohio

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Yes. Sylvanous W. born Nov. 11, 1850 Vinson H. July 23d 1853 Eugene E. ____ 1860 Novada E. May 5 1862 Birty D. June 22, 1876 Lutellis W.

Feb 13 - 1878 Mabel R. Mar 27 1880 Cletus O. Sept 3d 1882 Lilly A. Mar 29, 1855 Rhoda D. Feb 17th 1888

Date of reply, _____ 189_

William G. Wright"

The Muster Roll for Company C, of the 13th Ohio Cavalry in File SC 685-188 listed William G. Wright serving as follows:

"February 10, 1864	Enlistment
February 1864	Recruit present for duty
May 6, 1864	Camp Chase, O.,
May 6 to Aug 31, 1864	Present
Sep & Oct 1864	Present
Nov & Dec 1864	Present
Jan & Feb 1865	Absent on detached service recruiting in Ohio
Jan & Feb 1865	Cincinnati, Ohio, present
Mar & Apr 1865	Present
May & June 1865	Mustered out by order of War Dept. dated June 5/65.
July 4, 1865	Amelia Ct. H. Va., Muster Out Roll
August 10, 1865	Petersburg, Va., Discharged by order of War Dept. dated June 5/65."

The service of the 13th Ohio Cavalry can be traced through the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.

On May 30, 1864, the regiment was at Port Royal on its way to the Army of the Potomac with only 400 of its men mounted and those without sabres or revolvers. On June 4, 1864, they were ordered to report to General Gregg of the Second Cavalry Division to be dismounted and their horses given to veterans. On June 7, 1864, the regiment had 630 officers and men present for duty and was ordered to White House depot. On June 10, 1864, Inspector-General Ed. Schriver reported as follows:

> "Besides the above commands, I looked at the One hundred and thirty-second Ohio National Guard, 100 days' men, and the Thirteenth Ohio, dismounted cavalry. Troops more unfit for the field I never saw."

By June 9 the regimental strength was down to 479 officers and men and by June 25 it was down to 405.

On June 26, 1864, the regiment was ordered to join General Ambrose E. Burnsides of the Ninth Army Corps and on June 29 the regiment was assigned to the Third Division of General Orlando Wilcox, First Brigade of Brig. Gen John F. Hartranft, with Lt. Col. Noah H. Hixon commanding the Regiment. The regiment was then moved into the trenches in front of Petersburg.

On July 30, 1864, the 13th Ohio Cavalry (Dismounted) was part of the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, Virginia. A tunnel had been dug from the Union entrenchments to the Confederate entrenchments and filled at the end with explosives. The plan was to explode a hole in the Confederate lines and then march through to force a battle in the open. The Official Records give a detailed report of the First Brigade:

> "Hdqrs. First Brig., Third Div., Ninth Army Corps,
> Before Petersburg, Va., August 5, 1864.
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> Captain: In obedience to orders received from the general commanding the division, I moved forward at about 5 a.m. on the morning of the 30th of July - the Twenty-seventh Michigan, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin, One hundred and ninth New York, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin, and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry (dismounted), of my brigade, closely following the First Division - to the crater caused by the explosion of the mine. After passing into the crater, which was filled with the troops of the advance division, I pushed my troops to the left as far as possible, occupying that part of the enemy's work not blown up. The length of this part was about ninety feet, and contained two guns, which were partially covered with dirt by the explosion. I immediately ordered the dirt to be removed from the guns, which were afterward served by men from the Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery and men of my command, under the direction of Sergt. W. Stanley, of the Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery. The regimental organizations were more or less broken up by reason of the irregularity of the surface of the crater, the mass of troops, and the enfilading fire of the enemy from the right and left by artillery and infantry. Repeated and most determined efforts were made by the commanding officers and officers of my staff to form the troops for farther advance, but without success. The captured gun on the left was fired to the left along the line of the enemy's pits with some effect. The colored troops now advanced through the crater, passing to the right, and formed line for advance, when the enemy charged the colored troops as well as the pits previously occupied by the white troops, and our troops on the right gave way. The enemy soon reoccupied his pits to the right of the crater. In this attack of the enemy he suffered severely from the right captured gun by Stanley, who gave them canister. Soon after the enemy made another assault in one line of

about 500 strong, heading for the crater, and coming direct from the front. My men gallantly mounted the works and poured their shot into their line, which, together with the canister given them by Sergeant Stanley, almost annihilated the column, so that but few of the enemy came up, and they only for protection. The ammunition was now about expended, but the want was soon supplied upon reporting to the general commanding the division. The men were now fast becoming exhausted, and the wounded were suffering for want of water; but little was procured, the enemy's sharpshooters having full command of the ground between the crater and our first line of works. At about 12.30 p.m. an order was received from General Burnside to retire as soon as practicable and prudent, the commanding officers on the line to counsel and determine as to the time of evacuation. The order was indorsed by Brigadier- Generals Bartlett, Griffin, and myself, and sent back to Major-General Burnside. It was thought impossible to withdraw the troops without great slaughter, the enemy enfilading the ground across which the troops would have to pass with artillery and infantry.

While we were awaiting further instructions the enemy made another attack, bearing immediately upon the work occupied by my men. As soon as I discovered this I passed the word to retire, but the men did not all have time to make their escape. Lieutenant Bean, one of my staff officers, communicated with General Bartlett in the crater, that the order was to retire, and that the left was then falling back.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of Sergt. W. Stanley, Company D, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery, who volunteered to work the captured guns, and performed his duty well to the last. I deem it my duty to make honorable mention of the Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers, Lieutenant- Colonel Wright commanding; One hundred and ninth New York Volunteers, Colonel Catlin commanding; Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteers, Colonel Harriman commanding; Thirty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteers, Captain Ferris commanding; Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry (dismounted), Lieutenant-Colonel Hixon commanding; Eighth Michigan Veteran Volunteers, Major Belcher commanding, and the Fifty-first Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, Colonel Bolton commanding. My loss in regimental commanders was severe - Colonel Catlin, Colonel Bolton, Lieutenant-Colonel Stilson, One hundred and ninth New York Volunteers, and Lieutenant-Colonel Wright were severely, and Captain Ferris mortally, wounded.

I cannot refrain from noticing especially the conduct of the officers of my staff - Captain Bertolette, assistant adjutant-general; Captain Shorkley, acting assistant inspector general; Captain Doyle, provost marshal; Lieutenants Bean and Watts, aides-de-camp - for their promptness and valor in pushing forward the troops as well as in holding the enemy's work to the last moment. Captaion Shorkley was severely wounded, and lost his right hand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J.F. Hartranft,

Brigadier-General, U.S. Volunteers, Commanding.
Capt. Robert A. Hutchins,
Asst. Adjt. Gen., Third Division, Ninth Army Corps."(16)

The loss in the 13th Ohio Cavalry was severe with 83 men killed, wounded, or missing.

From August 18 through 21, 1864, the battle of the Weldon Railroad was fought and the regiment was lightly engaged and suffered one killed and 6 wounded.

On September 30, 1864, the regiment was again engaged in attacks on the Confederate lines and this time, at the battle of Poplar Springs Church with the brigade under the command of Colonel Samuel Harrison, the regiment did less well. The official division report stated that:

> "The left wing did not behave so well; the Thirteenth Ohio (dismounted) Cavalry were thrown into panic and part of them fled ingloriously from the field, breaking the Thirty- eighth Wisconsin, which latter, however, were soon reformed in the woods in rear."

Thereafter, from October 27 to 28, 1864, the regiment was again lightly engaged at the battle of Boydton Plank Road, suffering 3 wounded.

On November 9, 1864, the regiment was reported to have voted 133 for Lincoln and 65 for McClellan.

On December 13, 1864, the regiment was finally remounted and joined the Second Cavalry Division under Major General Gregg.

In April 1865 the regiment joined in the pursuit of General Lee's army, marching parallel and south of that army and attacking part of its supply train. On April 8, 1865, the regiment marched to Appomattox Court House and blocked the Confederate escape route to Lynchburg. On April 9, 1865, the regiment was attacked by the enemy, but held its position until the infantry arrived and forced General Lee and the Confederate Army to surrender.

The Official Records for the Division give an overview of the Regiment's service as part of the First Brigade in July:

"The Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry (dismounted) assigned to division June 29, First Brigade.

July 1 - The division was in the trenches in front of Petersburg and remained there, defending the line and fortifying the position, until July 25, when one brigade (Humphrey's) was taken to the rear, on being relieved by a brigade of the Fourth Division, Ninth Army Corps (colored), Colonel Sigfried commanding.

July 26 - Humphrey's brigade (Second) was moved to the left of the army, on the Suffolk road, and occupied works held by the Second Corps.

July 29 - Humphrey's brigade (Second) withdrawn from the left and moved to the rear of the First Brigade.

July 30 - The division was engaged in the assault on the enemy's lines at the crater, supporting the First Division of the corps; carried a portion of the enemy's breast-works on the left of crater by a front attack and captured 100 prisioners; First Brigade dug up two pieces of artillery from the crater produced by the blowing up of the enemy's fort and turned them on the enemy. The division helped to repulse two attacks, losing quite heavily in killed and wounded. At 3 p.m. returned from works captured into our original lines by orders.

July 31 - One brigade (Second) is on the front line repairing damage done to our works by charging over them; First Brigade (Hartranft's) in camp in the rear."

The report of the brigade commander describes the fighting at Weldon Railroad:

"Report of Brig. Gen. John F. Hartranft, U.S. Army, commanding First Brigade, of operations August 19-21.

Hdqrs. First Brig., Third Div., Ninth Army Corps,
August 30, 1864.

Captain: In obedience to orders from division headquarters my brigade left camp before Petersburg, Va., at 3:30 a.m. on the 19 instant and marched to Blick's house, on the Weldon railroad, arriving there at 8 a.m. I formed line in front of the Blick house, my left resting about 400 yards from the railroad, where I remained in support until 4 p.m., when an attack was made upon the line of the Fifth Army Corps, penetrating the right of General Crawford's division and some 700 or 800 yards to the front and right. My brigade was immediately formed, and advanced in the direction of this attack, until I met the enemy in line 150 yards distant in the corn-field at the edge of the woods, from which position the enemy

had full view of the open space in front of and around the Blick house. My brigade was formed from right to left in the following order: Thirty-seventh Wisconsin, Colonel Harriman commanding; Thirty-eighth Wisconsin, Lieutenant Colonel Pier commanding; Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Captain Clark commanding; Twenty-seventh Michigan, Captain Cash commanding; One hundred and ninth New York Volunteers, Captain Evans commanding, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, Major Hart commanding, and the Eighth Michigan Veteran Volunteers, Major Belcher commanding. The four left regiments were in the open field, and the three right regiments were under cover of the woods on the right of the corn-field. After the four regiments on the left were engaged, the right of the brigade kept advancing through the woods and soon met the enemy also advancing, and captured formthem between 50 and 60 prisoners. The enemy in the open space were soon repulsed and fell back under a terrific musketry fire to the cover of the woods. The left of my brigade immediately advanced from 75 to 100 yards, and while they were still advancing the enemy rallied in the woods and made a second attack upon my line, coming within about seventy-five yards, but he was again successfully repulsed and retired to the cover of the woods. After the second repulse of the enemy the Second Brigade of this division came up in support, but was immediately ordered to the left. The troops of the First Division also came up about the same time from right and rear, and one brigade moved to my left. I now received orders to move to the left, along the edge of the woods, and connect with the right of the Second Brigade, which I did, the brigade of the First Division on my left moving to the right. Colonel Humphrey had advanced his brigade, and I was about to advance into the woods on his right, when the First Division was attacked by the enemy upon the same ground upon which he had been twice repulsed by my brigade, and I was ordered to the right in support. I moved along the edge of the woods until my right was within seventy-five yards of the left of the First Division, with my left resting about 100 yards from Crawford's right. I saw that the First Division was not heavily pressed, and soon afterward the firing from First Division ceased. When General Crawford advanced I advanced skirmishers and connected with him. It was now getting dark, and I received orders to advance my brigade into the woods and occupy the rifle-pits, which were about 200 yards from edge of the woods, and which had been occupied by General Crawford's division during the day. I immediately advanced, occupied the line designated, connecting with Crawford's division on the left. The First Division did not advance at this time, and a gap was left between the right of my line and left of First Division, which was closed up, however, during the night. During the night the pits were stengthened and the troops supplied with ammunition.

On the morning of the 20th I advanced a thin line of skirmishers, supported by a strong line, about 200 yards in the front of the main line, until the enemy's line of skirmishers was discovered. No shots were exchanged. During the day five regiments of the brigade were withdrawn to the original position occupied on the

afternoon of the 19th, where we bivouacked for the night, leaving the Fify-first Pennsylvania on the skirmish line, supported by the Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers.

At 5 o'clock on the morning of the 21st I moved my brigade, with exception of the Fifty-first and Twenty- seventh Michigan, which remained on the skirmish line, to a position on the left and in front of the Blick house, my right resting on the Ninth Massachusetts Battery and my left extending across railroad (two regiments being on left of the railroad) and resting on ____ Battery. Here I threw up a line of intrenchments, which was almost completed at 9.15 a.m., when he enemy attacked on the left of the Fifth Corps. When this attack was made one of General Ayres' brigades, of the Fifth corps, moved up to my line of works. At 10.30 the enemy attacked on my immediate front; the artillery opened upon him with full force. There was no infantry fire from my line except by a few sharpshooters on the right. The enemy was soon compelled to retire, owing to the murderous fire of our artillery, and about 25 or 30 prisoners came in on my front. The regiments on the line of skirmishers were obliged to retire with some loss.

I am pained to mention the loss of Maj. Horatio Belcher, commanding Eighth Michigan Volunteers, who was killed on the 19th. He was at the time suffering from a wound in right arm, received at Bethesda Church, June 3, and would not leave the field until after he received a third bullet wound, which caused his death. A braver, truer, and nobler soldier never lived.

Major Hart, commanding Fifty-first Pennsylvania, received three severe wounds while gallantly leading his regiment.

I am much indebted to Colonel Harriman, Thirty- seventh Wisconsin, for the valuable service rendered by him on the 19th.

The members of my staff - Capt. J.D. Bertolette, assistant adjutant-general; Capt. R. N. Doyle, provost- marshal; Capt. C. H. McCreery, acting assistant inspector- general; Lieutenants Watts and Bean, acting aides-de-camp, and Lieutenant Campbell, acting engineer officer - deserve particular mention for their coolness, bravery, and gallantry in the field, and I am much indebted to them for the valuable and efficient services they rendered me. Lieutenant Bean had his horse killed under him, and was himself severely wounded."

The full division report is as follows:

"Reports of Brig. Gen. Orlando B. Willcox . . . .

Meantime, pursuant to General Parke's orders, the First Brigade, Col. Samuel Harriman, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin, commanding, was formed on the left of the

Pegram house and obliquely in rear of both the Second Division and Hartranft's brigade, with orders from me to support either, as the occasion should demand. One regiment (One hundred and ninth New York) of this brigade was posted on a road coming in rear from the southwest.

As soon as Potter's division became engaged I ordered the brigade to extend farther to the right as far as the Pegram house road so as to support General Potter. A moment afterward I received orders from General Parke to advance the reserve to the crest of the field toward the Second Division, and both brigades were ordered forward. Harriman was on the left and in front of the Pegram house, in an open field, and the Third Brigade, Col. N.B. McLaughlen, Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers, commanding, was in rear and in the woods. The orders were scarcely given before the Second Division troops had fallen back as far as Harriman's line, which now became engaged on its own ground.

The field sloping up toward the enemy gave them the advantage of ground, and Harriman's brigade soon began to give way. The right wing, consisting of the Thirty- seventh Wisconsin, Eighth and Twenty-seventh Michigan, retired in good order to a fence on the left of the Pegram House, where these regiments halted, faced about, checked the farther advance of the enemy, and threw up hasty breast-works of rails, where they remained. The left wing did not behave so well; the Thirteenth Ohio (dismounted) Cavalry were thrown into panic and part of them fled ingloriously from the field, breaking the Thirty-eighth Wisconsin, which latter, however, were soon reformed in the woods in rear. McLaughlen's brigade was moving forward under my orders toward Harriman's line and rallying fugitives when Captain Wright, assistant adjutant general Second Division, rode up and requested me to send some troops to the right of the Pegram house. Here McLaughlen was put in position, connecting on the right with the Fifth Corps troops and on the left with Harriman's brigade, and opened fire on the enemy, checking his farther advance in this quarter of the field. Hartranft's brigade, in retiring on the left, had considerable skirmishing with the enemy, who drove his skirmishers across the swamp on his left and threatened his rear. But this brigade withdrew in excellent order and took position to the left and rear of Harriman's line. The division now occupied the front on the left of the Fifth Corps. Before dusk the enemy fell back. In the evening there was some firing on our right, but mostly from our own men. Pickets were thrown out and the rest of the troops withdrawn to a position in front of the Peebles house, the right about half a mile from the Pegram house and the left at the Clements house, and defenses thrown up. While leading the troops Lieut. Otis Fisher, Eighth U.S. Infantry, assistant commissary of musters of the division, fell mortally wounded near the Pegram house. He was ever brave and ready in action, high-toned and chivalrous, and his loss is sincerely mourned. Lieut. George Goodsell, Seventeenth Michigan Volunteers, assistant provost-marshal on my staff, also

received a serious wound while zealously and gallantly engaged in carrying orders. My casualties for the day, already sent in, were as follows:

Command	Killed		Wounded	
	Officers	Men	Officers	Men
Division staff			2	1
First Brigade		2	3	47
Second Brigade	1	5	3	45
Third Brigade	_	5	3	32
Total	1	12	11	125

Command	Missing		Total		
	Officers	Men	Officers	Men	Aggregate
Division staff			2	1	3
First Brigade		30	3	79	82
Second Brigade	8	150	12	200	212
Third Brigade	__	8	3	45	48
Total	8	188	20	325	345

On the morning of October 1 the picket-line left out near the Pegram house was attacked in force, and withdrew to our immediate front, and the day was spent in digging rifle pits and slashing.

On the morning of the 2d, under orders from corps headquarters, I moved the division through the woods in line of battle, with the skirmishers, past the Pegram house to the Boisseau house, near which Hartranft's brigade on the right connected with Potter's division. McLaughlen occupied the center and Harriman the left connecting with Mott's division, Second Corps. A forward movement was first ordered from this point, and my skirmishers drove the enemy's pickets some distance. McLaughlen's brigade was advanced about 300 yards up the Boisseau house road, but the movement was countermanded, and the enemy advanced their skirmishers to the foot of the field of the Boisseau house. Their works were in plain sight and they used some artillery. During the demonstration on the enemy's works made by General Mott, a part of Harriman's brigade was moved to the left and occupied the ground vacated by a protion of Mott's troops, but no other assistance was called for. At 6 p.m. the division was withdrawn to a new line running toward the Peebles house, bearing westwardly, the right resting in rear of the Pegram house and connecting with the Second Division. Here intrenchments were thrown up. Casualties for the day were as follows: Third Brigade, enlisted men, killed, 1; wounded, 8; total 9.

On the morning of October 8, under orders from General Parke, two brigades, Hartranft's and McLaughlen's, moved out on the road from the Clements house toward the Hawks house, and the picket-line, under Colonel Harriman, covering the front between the Pegram house and the Clements house, was at the same time moved out, with supports, toward the enemy. The object was twofold, viz, to make a demonstration upon the enemy's skirmishers, and to reconnoiter toward the Boydton plank road. The head of Hartranft's brigade was at the Clements house at 7 a.m. His brigade was soon deployed on the left of the road, McLaughlen's on the right, connecting with Harriman, who connected with the Second Division. We came upon the enemy's vedettes at an abandoned line of the enemy's works half a mile from the Clements house. McLaughlen's brigade was thrown across the line and moved out an an angle with Hartranft until the enemy's skirmishers were encountered. Hartranft came into the Smith house field and discovered a working party of the enemy in a redoubt near the Hawks house. Skirmishers were thrown forward by General Hartranft, before whom the working party retired. A position was now taken across Smith's field to the redoubt, and from there along and across the line of works, and the whole line of skirmishers advanced, driving back the enemy's line about half a mile to the left and front. Their cavalry were in front of Hartranft and hovered around his extreme left with some annoyance. Infantry appeared to be on McLaughlen's front. Meantime Harriman encountered no force, but his scouting parties reported a column of the enemy moving toward our left. A report to the same effect was received from General Potter also. The enemy's skirmishers halted on a ridge covered with brush, and I ordered General Hartranft to push a reconnaissance down the road as far as possible toward the plank road, and reported the situation of affairs to the major-general commanding. His orders were to keep up the connection with Harriman, make a drive at the enemy's skirmishers, but avoid bringing on a general engagement. I then ordered Hartranft to swing up his left, and as soon as he got into line with McLaughlen to attack with his skirmishers simultaneously with those of McLaughlen. During the execution of these orders the enemy's skirmishers advanced. The reconnoitering party were attacked at a cross-road about half a mile from the line by a small party of cavalry, which was repulsed, and considerable skirmishing ensued in front of both brigades. At two points our pickets were driven in. I had some reason to expect an attack in force, and I ordered the troops to close in, and my action now being left discretionary with me by General Parke, I determined to resist with my whole force. Hartranft drew in his left, and McLaughlen re-establishedhis picket line where it had been assailed. The firing along the front of the two brigades rather increased, but no attack was made. I remained on the ground till 6 p.m., when, in obedience to orders, I established a new and advanced picket line in front of the intrenchments between the Pegram and Clements houses, and withdrew the troops to their camps. Casualties for the day as follows:

Command	Killed		Wounded	
	Officers	Men	Officers	Men
First Brigade				1
Second Brigade		1		2
Third Brigade	—	—	—	—
Total		3		13

Command	Missing		Total		
	Officers	Men	Officers	Men	Aggregate
First Brigade				1	1
Second Brigade		1		4	4
Third Brigade	—	—	—	—	—
Total		1		17	17

For more detailed account of the actions of regiments I refer to reports of brigade commanders, herewith forwarded.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O.B. Willcox,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

Maj. P.M. Lydig,
Assistant Adjutant-General, Ninth Army Corps."

The report of the brigade commander expanded on the battle and the role of the 13th Ohio:

"Report of Col. Samuel Harriman, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, commanding First Brigade, of operations September 30 - October 9.

Hdqrs. First Brig., First Div., Ninth Army Corps,
Near Peebles' House, Va., October 16, 1861.

Captain: I have the honor to make the following report of the operations of my command from September 30 to October 9, 1864:

I assumed command of the brigade on the morning of the 30th of September, as it lay near the Gurley house, relieving Col. B. C. Christ, mustered out of service by reason of expiration of term. My command consisted of six regiments, the

Fifty-first Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers and Seventy-ninth New York Volunteers having been left as a garrison to Fort Hays. We moved from camp at 11 o'clock, following the Third Brigade; passed by Poplar Grove Church and formed line of battle in the woods near the road to the left of the Peebles house, to protect the left flank of the army, at the same time throwing out pickets. I advanced a scouting party to beyond the forks of the road, which reported nothing not before discovered. Subsequently I moved my command across the little ravine near by and formed it in line of battle across the road at right angles, leaving two regiments in reserve. I sent out twenty additional men with a lieutenant, conducted by a staff officer, who returned late in the afternoon and reported they had advanced a distance of one mile and a half; found one line of works vacated by the enemy, which were taken possession of. The cavalry pickets were discovered, and through information given a force of cavalry was sent out and occupied the ground. At near 3 o'clock my command was moved to the right and formed in line of battle to the left of the Pegram house. Thus far we had scarcely received a shot from the enemy. The One hundred and ninth New York was posted on picket on a road running west of south. The troops to our left, about 4.30 o'clock, were attacked and compelled to fall back. This emboldened the enemy and they rushed into the field and poured a deadly fire into our ranks. The men held their position for a while, but were finally compelled to fall back. This the right regiments - Thirty-seventh Wisconsin, Eighth Michigan, and Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers - did in good order, and sought what shelter they could behind a rail fence from which they hastily constructed rude breast-works. These regiments did good service in keeping the enemy at bay and held the ground till relieved. The Thirteenth Ohio were thrown into a panic by a few shots and fled, the greater part of them, from the field. A part of them, under Captains Wheeler and Gore, were afterward collected and placed on the line. The Thirty-eighth Wisconsin were thrown into confusion by the Thirteenth Ohio, but were formed and placed in line in General Hartranft's brigade. At 11 o'clock my command was relieved and marched farther up the road, where it had lain in the early part of the afternoon, on the hill where a line works were constructed during the night. The works were perfected on Saturday as much as we could in the drenching rain, and our picket-line in front and along the road well established.

Orders were received to be in readiness to advance at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, 2d instant. Just 500 men from the Thirty-eighth Wisconsin, who had joined the brigade the day before, were left in command of Colonel Bintliff to hold the works. We commenced advancing after 8 o'clock, my skirmish line connecting with Colonel McLaughlen on the right and the Second Corps on the left. In passing through the woods no enemy was discovered. In advancing I endeavored to keep my troops near Colonel McLaughlen. The Twenty-seventh Michigan were detailed as skirmishers and the Eighth Michigan as support. I advanced my connections perfect to the cleared field, near where my command

lay on the 30th ultimo. The skirmishers were sent forward with support, and soon exchanged shots with the enemy. The brigade was moved forward into the open field, connecting on the right and left; afterward were posted in echelon fifty paces to the rear of Colonel McLaughlen's brigade. At 1 o'clock moved upon a line with him. The brigade was formed into two lines, One hundred and ninth New York and Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteers in front line, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry in support. Orders were received to keep a sharp lookout on the left, and in case the brigade on the left moved to keep connected with them. Staff officers made frequent visits and an orderly was sent over to report any movements on the left. It was reported that three regiments of General Pierce's brigade had moved to the front a short distance, which fact having been reported to General Willcox, moved my command to the left in his lines and filled up the space vacated. It is understood that the failure to carry the works of the enemy, and which resulted in the repulse of the three regiments making the assault, is attributed in part to the failure of my brigade to properly support the advancing column. I acted in strict obedience to orders, having at no time received instructions to do more than hold the line I then occupied, unless called upon by General Pierce for support. Near sunset I was ordered to withdraw my command, which I did, and moved to the right, where my troops were placed on line, connecting with the line of works captured by the Fifth Corps. Breast-works were constructed and occupied by all my command present, except the Eighth and Twenty-seventh Michigan. Subsequently a new line was laid out and built, which the Eighth Michigan, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Twenty- seventh Michigan, One hundred and ninth New York, and Thirty-seventh Wisconsin occupied.

On the 8th instant my command picketed in front of the First and Third Divisions. Orders having been received the night previous that the First Division should make a reconnaissance, the picket line advanced as a line of skirmishers, connecting with General Potter on the right and Colonel McLaughlen on the left. The skirmish line was strengthened from time to time, as gaps were occasioned on my left, until the One hundred and ninth New York, 140 strong, were all placed on the line. The Eighth Michigan, Lieut. Col. Ralph Ely commanding, were in reserve as support. My skirmish line advanced through the woods, beyond the forks of the road, and held a position till night in the edge of the field and in the woods to the left of the field. The remainder of my brigade held the line of works to the rear. I received positive orders at one time from a staff officer on General Willcox's staff to move out my whole command and form it in line of battle 300 or 400 paces to the rear of the skirmish line and connect with Colonel McLaughlen's line, reserve on the left, by scouts. This I did, but afterward received instructions only to keep a sufficient force to support my picket line. I then withdrew these troops to the line of works; subsequently moved out the Twenty-seventh Michigan, Captain Waite commanding, to strengthen the reserve. The enemy was not found in any force. The cavalry

outposts of the enemy were driven in, a few shots exchanged, and several of their horsemen unhorsed. A new picket line was established, and after dark the skirmish line and supports were withdrawn to the new line.

I am, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Sam. Harriman,
Colonel, Commanding Brigade.
Capt. John D. Bertolette,
Assistant Adjutant-General."

On March 28, 1905, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, D.B. 155/489 William G. Wright purchased 80 acres of land from the estate of Winslow H. Day pursuant to the contract signed on September 20, 1904:

"No. 268
Winslow H Day
By Executrices
To
William G. Wright

Deed
Recorded March 28, 1905 2.10 P.M.
Charles H. Roy
Register of Deeds

Whereas, Winslow H. Day in his life time and on to-wit the 20th day of September, 1904 entered into a certain contract with William G. Wright for the sale of the lands hereinafter described, a copy of which contract is hereto attached, and whereas said Winslow H. Day departed this life without having consumated said contract, and while the same was in full force and effect, and whereas all of the parties in interest are desirous of carrying out and consumating said contract, and whereas, Mary C. Harris asnd Bertha M. Boyce, executrices of the last will and testament of Winslow H. Day, deceased, filed a petition in the Probate Court for the County of Lenawee praying for an order authorizing them to execute a deed to said William G. Wright in compliance with the terms of said contract, and whereas, said petition came on to be heard and was heard before the Hon. Harry L. Larwill, Judge of Probate for said County of Lenawee on the 27th day of March, 1905, and due consideration being had on said petition, an order was accordingly made, a certified copy of which said order is hereto attached.

Now, therefore know all men by these presents that we Mary C. Harris, and Bertha M. Boyce, executrices of the last will and testament of Winslow H. Day, deceased, parties of the first part, in pursuance of said order of the Probate Court for the County of Lenawee, in the State of Michigan made on the said 27th day of March 1905, and in consideration of the sum of eight thousand dollars to said parties of the first part in hand paid by William G. Wright of the township of Pittsford, County of Hillsdale, and State of Michigan, party of the second part,

receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant, sell, and convey unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the County of Hillsdale, State of Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit; the east one-half of the north west one quarter of section number thirteen (13) in township seven (7) South range one West, and containing eighty (80) acres of land more or less.

To Have and to hold the above granted premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances to the said party of the second part and his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Mary C. Harris and Bertha M. Boyce as executrices of the last will and testament of said Winslow H. Day deceased, parties of the first party, do hereby covenant unto the said party of the second part, that the said parties of the first part will warrant and defend the said granted premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by from, or under the said Winslow H. Day, deceased.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the City of Hudson, County of Lenawee, and State of Michigan on this 28th day of March, 1905

Delivered in
Presence of
B. D. Chandler
V. H. Wright

Mary C. Harris
Bertha M. Boyce
Executrices of the last will and
testament of Winslow H. Day, deceased.

State of Michigan,)
County of Lenawee) ss.

On this 28th day of March 1905, before me A Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared Mary C. Harris and Bertha M. Boyce to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, as executrices of the last will and testament of Winslow H. Day, deceased.

B. D. Chandler, Notary Public
Commission expires 4/15/08.

Office of Register of Deeds, Hillsdale Mich., Mch 28 - 1905. This instrument was accompanied by certificate required by Sec. 3957, Compiled laws of 1897.

Charles H. Roy
Register of Deeds."

The death certificate of William Greenberry Wright was dated on December 22, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, and listed the following information:

"State Of Michigan
Department of State - Division of Vital Statistics
Certificate Of Death Jan 7 1908

Place of Death
County of Hillsdale
Township of Pittsford

Full Name William G Wright
Sex Male
Color White
Date of Birth May 3 1827
Age 80 years 7 months 19 days
Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced Widowed
Age at Marriage, Number of Children
If married, age at (first) marriage _____ years
Parent of 16 children of which 8 are living
Birthplace Virginia
Name of Father Wm Wright
Birthplace of Father Virginia
Maiden Name of Mother Rhoda Wright
Birthplace of Mother Virginia
Occupation Farmer

The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

L W Wright
Hudson Mich

Medical Certificate Of Death
Date of Death Dec 22 1907

I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased from Oct 15, 1907 to Dec 22, 1907, that I last saw him alive on Oct 20, 1907, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 a.m. The Cause Of Death was as follows: Progressive Muscular Atrophy

Isaac C. Spalding
12/22, 1907
Hudson Mich

Place of Burial or Removal Van Wert Ohio
Date of Burial Dec 29, 1907

Undertaker Dan A Brown Hudson M
Filed Dec 22 1907

F. L. Hackett
Registrar"

In her letter dated December 11, 1995, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a copy of the obituary of Greenbury Wright dated December 24, 1907, from The Daily Times:

> "Greenbury Wright, aged resident of the county, died Sunday at the home of his son, Vinton, at Hudson, Michigan, aged about eighty years. The body arrived in Van Wert yesterday and was taken to the home of his son-in-law, Edward Knittle, living one half mile south of the County Infirmary. The funeral will be held from the Knittle home today at 10 o'clock. Burial will be made at the Ridge cemetery."

In her letter dated October 6, 1994, Karen Piojda enclosed photographs of the gravestones for William G. Wright located in the Ridge Cemetery, Van Wert County, Ohio, and the first of which stated:

> "William G. Wright
> 13 Ohio Cav
> 1827-1907"

The second stone behind the first stated:

> "Wm. G. Wright
> Co. C.
> 13 Ohio Cav."

The will of William Greenberry Wright was dated April 2, 1905, probated on January 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, File 4665 and provided as follows:

> "I, William G. Wright, an inhabitant of the township of Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan knowing the uncertainty of human life, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

My will is, that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate by my executor hereinafter named as soon after my decease as may by him be found convenient.

First, I, hereby empower my executor hereinafter named, to sell all my real estate situate and being in the township of Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan and known as the Winslow Day farm consisting of eighty acres of land more or less; and I hereby empower my said executor hereinafter named to sell all my personalty of whatever name or nature and after the payment of any mortgage which may be a lien thereon, I hereby give, devise and bequeath the money arising from said sale of real estate and personalty as follows, to-wit

Second To my beloved daughter, Mable Knittle I give and bequeath the sum of six hundred dollars, to have and to hold the same to herself her heirs, executors and administrators to his, her and their sole use and behalf forever. Which said sum of six hundred dollars shall be paid to her form the money arising fromt the sale of my real estate and personalty as hereinbefore mentioned and which shall be in hands of my executor hereinafter mentioned after said sale. This legacy is made a charge on the money the proceeds of said sales as aforesaid until the same is paid.

Third - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Novada Rouch the one third of all my estate that is to say one third of the money left from the sale of real estate and personalty as aforesaid after the payment of the said sum of six hundred dollars to my said daughter, Mable Knittle, she my said daughter Novada Rouch to have and to hold the said one third of my estate to herself, her heirs, executors and assigns, to his her, and their only use and behoof forever.

Fourth,- I five and bequeath to my beloved son Vinson Howard Wright one third of all my estate after the payment of said six hundred dollars to the said Mable Knittle he my said son Vinson Howard Wright to have and to hold the same to himself, his heirs, executors and assigns, to his their only use and behoof forever.

Fifth. - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Eugenie Ellen Polling, the remaining one third of my estate after the payment of said six hundred dollars to my daughter Mable Knittle, the said Eugenie Ellen Polling to have and to hold the same, to herself, her heirs and assigns, to his, her and their only use and behoof forever.

Sixth To my son Sylvanous Wesley Wright, and my son Loutellis Wright and my son Cletus Orley Wright and my daughter Roda Wright, I give and bequeath to them and each of them the sum of one dollar each, they to have and to hold the

same to themselves their heirs and assigns, to his her and their only use and behoof forever.

All the rest and residue of my estate, real personal and mixed I give, devise and bequeath, share and share alike to my son Vinson Howard Wright, my daughter Novada Rouch and my daughter Eugenie Ellen Poling, they to have and to hold the same to themselves and their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my son Vinson Howard Wright the executor of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William G. Wright, this 21st day of April, 1905, as and for his last will and testament consisting of four sheets of paper in our presence who at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other affixed our names as witness hereto.

Witnesses to Sig. W. G. Wright
C. W. Pettis
Residing at Hudson Mich
Mortimer Day
Residing at Hudson Mich"

On December 24, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the heirs of William Greenberry Wright entered into a settlement agreement regarding the distribution of his estate and to equalize the distributions from the estate of Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright:

"Agreement:-

Known all men by these presents: - That the following named parties S. W. Wright, V. H. Wright, Eugenie Poling, Nevada Roush, L. W. Wright, Mabel R. Knittle, Cletus O. Wright, and Rhoda D. Wright being the heirs and only heirs at law of William G. Wright deceased.

Having this day read the Will left by the said William G. Wright deceased and we having fully considered the matter, between our selves as the heirs of the said William G. Wright, and each of us having arrived at the age of majority have decided to dispense with Will and in order to save them the expenses of any court proceedings.

We have entered into the following agreement and each of us signatory hereto bind our selves, our Executors, Administrators and assigns by this Agreement.

First: - It is agreed that the provisions of the Will afore-said shall be entirely ignored and that the estate shall be settled and the proceeds of said estate divided as herein provided.

Second: - It is hereby agreed that the said V. H. Wright shall act as the agent of said heirs in the in the settlement of said estate, with full authority to collect all debts, due said estate and to dispose of any and all personal property belonging to said estate, also with full authority to draw from any bank or banks any and all money that William G. Wright had on deposit any form or manner at the time of his death, and with authority to pay any and all debts owing by said estate.

Third: - It is agreed that V. H. Wright as such agent shall pay the debts against said estate out of the first money coming into his hands from said estate.

Fourth: It is hereby agreed that L. W. Wright has received from the estate of Martha R. Wright, during the life time of his father the sum of $900.00 on the 20" day of November 1904, and $125.00 on the 1" day of January 1906

Cletus O. Wright received from same source like amounts on the dates above mentioned.

Rhoda D. Wright received from same source like amounts on the date above mentioned.

Mabel R. Knittle received $200.00, from same source on the 20" day of November 1904.

Fifth: - It is agreed by the last above named parties and the remainders of said heirs that the said L. W. Wright, Cletus O. Wright and Rhoda D. Wright are not to receive anything out of said estate until Mabel R. Knittle and each of the parties hereto that received nothing from the estate of Martha R. Wright, have received an amount equal to the amounts received by L. W. Wright, Cletus O. Wright and Rhoda D. Wright together with 5% interest from the dates it is agreed said parties received said money, interest to be figured to the date of the sale of the farm herein mentioned of this estate, interest to be figured in like manner on the amount received by Mabel R. Knittle, it being expressly agreed and understood that upon final settlement of the estate all of said heirs shall receive equal amounts from the estates of Martha R. Wright and William G. Wright.

Sixth: - It is agreed that V. H. Wright shall have full authority to sell at such price as he may deem reasonable, the farm owned by William G. Wright at the time of his death said farm being known as The Winslow Day farm in Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County State of Michigan, and containing eighty acres of land more or less, and we and each of us agree to execute a good and sufficient

deed for our undivided interests in said farm within a reasonable time from the time that we are notified by V. H. Wright that he has sold said farm.

Seventh: - It is agreed that V. H. Wright shall receive his actual expenses incurred in settling said estate and reasonable pay for his time when actually employed in settling said estate.

Dated Van Wert, Ohio	V. H. Wright
Dec 24" 1907	L. W. Wright
Vada Roush	Mabel R Knittle
S. V. Wright	Cletus O. Wright
Eugenie Poling	Rhoda D Wright"

On December 30, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson H. Wright petitioned for appointment as special administrator of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
To the Probate Court for said County:

In the Matter of the Estate of William O. Wright Deceased.

I Vinson H. Wright, respectfully represent that I reside in the Township of Pittsford in said county and am interested in said estate and make this petition as son of said deceased

I further represent that a petition has been made to said court for the appointment of a general Executor of the last will and testament of said estate, which petition is now pending; that such appointment will be delayed on account of the length of notice thereof, required by law to be given to all persons interested; that there is estate belonging to said deceased situate and being in said county and elsewhere, to be administered, and that the estimated value thereof is as follows:

Real estate, $8000.00 or thereabout; personal estate, $100.00 or thereabout, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that it is necessary that a special Administrator of said estate be appointed to collect, take charge of, preserve and manage the same, for the following reasons: To take charge of personal property, pay funeral expenses etc.

I therefore pray that I, Vinson H. Wright or some other suitable person be appointed special Administrator of said estate.

V. H. Wright
P.O. Hudson, Mich.

State of Michigan)
County of Hillsdale) ss

On this 30th day of December A.D. 1907 before me personally appeared the above named petitioner, who being duly sworn says that he has heard read the foregoing petition by him signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be upon his information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

M L Russell
Probate Clerk"

On December 30, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court appointed Vinson H. Wright as special administrator of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
To the Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Hillsdale in said County, on the 30th. day of December A.D. 1907

Present: Hon. Fred H. Stone Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased. Vinson H. Wright having filed in this Court his petition praying that he or some other suitable person be appointed special Administrator of said estate, the said petitioner appeared

It appearing to the court, that it is necessary and expedient that a special Administrator of said estate be appointed; and that Vinson H. Wright of the Township of Pittsford in said county is a competent and suitable person for that trust.

It is ordered that the said Vinson H. Wright be and is hereby appointed special Administrator of said estate, and that he give bond in the penal sum of Five

Hundred dollars: and that Mortimer Day and Joseph Gahagan be and are appointed appraisers to appraise the estate of said deceased.

Fred H. Stone
Judge of Probate."

On December 30, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson H. Wright filed his surety bond for his appointment as special administrator of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

Know all Men by These Presents, That we Vinson H. Wright as principal and W. Mortimer Day as surety, within the state of Michigan, are held and firmly bound and obliged unto Fred H. Stone judge of probate in and for said county, in the full sum of Five Hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid unto the said judge of probate, his successors in the said office or assigns, to the true payment whereof we do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals this 30th. day of December A.D. 1907

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Vinson H. Wright who has been appointed special Administrator of said estate shall well and truly perform, observe and keep the conditions following to-wit:

1st. That he shall make and return to said court within 30 days a true and perfect inventory of all goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects of said estate, which shall come to his possession or knowledge;

2d. That he shall truly account for all the goods, chattels, debts and effects of said estate, which shall be received by him, whenever required by said court, and will deliver the same to the person who shall afterwards be appointed Executor or Administrator of said estate, or to such other person as shall be legally authorized to receive the same;

3d. That he shall perform all orders and decrees of said court by said special Administrator to be performed in the premises; then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

V. H. Wright
W Mortimer Day"

On December 30, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson H. Wright filed his petition for the admission of the will of William Greenberry Wright to probate and his appointment as executor thereof:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
To the Probate Court for said County:

In the Matter of the Estate of William O. Wright Deceased.

I, Vinson Howard Wright respectfully represent that I reside in the Township of Pittsford in said county, and am interested in said estate and make this petition as son and executor named in the last will and testament of said deceased.

I further represent that said deceased died on the 22nd day of December A.D. 1907 leaving a last will and testament, bearing date the 21st. day of April A.D. 1905, which is herewith deposited and filed in said court; that said will is in writing and was signed by said deceased in the presence of C. W. Peltier and Mortimer Day two competent witnesses, who at the request of said deceased, attested and subscribed said will in his presence and in the presence of each other and that said deceased, at the time he executed said will was twenty-one years of age and upwards, and was of sound mind and under no restraint or undue influence whatever, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that said deceased was, at the time of his death, an inhabitant of the Township of Pittsford in said county and left estate with said county to be administered, and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: Real estate $8000.00 or thereabout; personal estate, $100.00 or thereabove, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that the names, relationship, ages and residences of the devisees, legatees and heirs at law of said deceased are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Age	Residence
Mable Knittle	daughter		Van Wert, Ohio
Novada Rouch	"		Spencerville, Ohio
Your petitioner	son		Pittsford
Eugenie Ellen Poling	daughter		Delphos, Ohio
Sylvanus Wesley Wright	son		" "
Cletus Orley Wright	"		Ada, Ohio
Roda Wright	daughter		Indiana
Loutillis Wright	son		Pittsford, Mich.

all of legal age:

I therefore pray that said instrument now on file in said court, be admitted to probate and that the execution thereof and administration of said estate be granted to Your petitioner the executor named in said will or to some other suitable person.

V. H. Wright
P.O. Hudson Mich.

State of Michigan,)
County of Hillsdale) ss

On this 30th day of December A.D. 1907 before me personally appeared the above named petitioner, who being duly sworn says, that he has heard read the foregoing petition by him signed, and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be upon his information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Fred H. Stone
Judge of Probate"

On December 30, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court set January 22, 1908, for the hearing of the petition of Vinson H. Wright for the admission of the will of William Greenberry Wright to probate and his appointment as executor thereof:

"State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Hillsdale, in said County, on the 30th. day of December A.D., 1907

Present Hon. Fred H. Stone, Judge of Probate

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

Vinson Howard Wright having filed in said Court his petition, praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased now on file in said Court be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to himself or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 22d. day of January A.D. 1908 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that a copy of this order be published for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Hillsdale Standard a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Attest: Fred H Stone
A true copy. Judge of Probate.
Probate Clerk."

On December 31, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court issued Special Letters of Administration to Vinson H. Wright for the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.
To Vinson H. Wright of the Township of Pittsford Greeting:

You having been duly appointed special Administrator of said estate, and having given a bond in the premises which has been duly approved and filed as required by law, I do by these presents commit unto you full power and authority to collect, take charge of, preserve, manage and dispose of all the goods, chattels, debts and property of said estate, according to law, and as said court shall direct; hereby requiring you to make and return to said court, within 30 days, a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and effects of said estate, which shall come to your possession or knowledge, and within one month from the termination of this trust, and at any other time when required by said court, to truly account for all the goods chattels, debts and effects of said estate, which shall be received by you, and upon the termination of this trust to forthwith deliver all the goods, chattels, money and effects of said estate in your hands to the general Executor or Administrator duly appointed in said matter, or to such other person as shall be legally authorized to receive the

same, and to perform all orders and decrees of said court by you to be performed in the premises.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale, in said county, this 31st. day of December, A.D. 1907

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate"

On December 31, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court appointed appraisers for the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, deceased.
To Mortimer Day and Joseph Gahagan of said County, Greeting:

You having been appointed appraisers of said estate, are hereby empowered and directed truly and justly to appraise, as soon as may be, in dollars and cents, all the estate and effects, both real and personal, comprised in the following inventory of said estate, according to the present value thereof, being first sworn to the faithful performance of that trust.

When you shall have performed that service you are to deliver the said inventory, together with this warrant, and your doings thereon, to Vinson H. Wright, Special Administrator of the said estate who is hereby directed to return the same on oath to said court, within thirty days from the time of assuming such trust.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale in said county, this 31st. day of December A.D. 1907

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan,)
County of Lenawee) ss.

On this Fourth day of January A.D. 1908 before me personally appeared Mortimer Day and Joseph Gahagan the appraisers above named, and made

oath that they would faithfully discharge the trust reposed in them by the above warrant.

Byron J Fortu
Notary Public
Lenawee County, Michigan.

My commission expires Dec. 14, 1910

Sometime after December 31, 1907, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of William Greenberry Wright was filed:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, deceased.

A true and perfect inventory of all the real estate, goods, chattels, rights and credits of said estate, to-wit:

Eighty A Farm in Pittsford T	7400.00
Two Horse blankets	2.00
One Heating Stove	1.00
Trunk	1.00
Bed and Springs	.50
Couch	3.00
Watch	5.00
Buggy	35.00
Harness	5.00
Saw and Ax	1.00
Currency	79.54
	7533.04
Mortgage on said farm	2900.00
	4733.04
Promissory Note	2000.00
	6733.04"

On January 11, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the heirs of William Greenberry Wright filed a supplemental agreement for the division of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"Agreement.

Know all men by these presents: - That the following named parties S. W. Wright, V. H. Wright, Eugenia Poling, Nevada Roush, L. W. Wright, Mabel R. Knittle, Cletus O. Wright, and Rhoda D. Wright, being the heirs and only heirs at law of William G. Wright deceased.

It is this day agreed among said heirs and especially has V. H. Wright agreed with the remaining heirs of William G. Wright that he has received from his fathers estate during the life time of his father the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000.00) which shall be and is treated as an advancement by V. H. Wright from his fathers estate.

It is agreed that in consideration of the agreement heretofore made by said heirs on the 24" day of December 1907 that it is right fair and proper; and that said V. H. Wright shall not receive anything out of said estate until Mabel R. Knittle and each of the parties hereto who have received nothing from the estate of Martha R. Wright or William G. Wright have received an amount equal to the amounts received by L. W. Wright, Cletus O. Wright and Rhoda D. Wright, with five per cent interest from april 1" 1907 interest to be figured and paid to the date of the sale of the farm described in the agreement entered into on Dec. 24" 1907

It being expressly agreed that on final settlement of the estate of William G. Wright that all of the parties hereto are to share equally with each other and to have and receive equal amounts from the combined estates of William G. Wright and Martha R. Wright both deceased.

It is further agreed that this agreement is to be supplemental to the agreement entered into December 24" 1907 and is in no way to modify or changed said agreement except as herein stipulated.

Dated Van Wert, Ohio
Jan. 11" 1908
Mabel R Knittle
Eugenie Poling
S. W. Wright
V. H. Wright"

Wade Roush
L W Wright
C O. Wright
Rhoda D. Wright

On January 21, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the declaration of publication of the hearing of the probate of the will of William Greenberry Wright was filed with the court:

"State of Michigan.
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale,
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, Dcd
County of Hillsdale, SS.

Ralph W Hayes being duly sworn says: I am one of the publishers and printers of the Hillsdale Standard, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. The annexed is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said paper on the following dates, to wit:

Dec. 31 A.D. 1907 Jany 7 A.D. 1908
" 14 A.D. 1908
" 21 A.D. 1908

Ralph W Hayes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January A.D. 1908

M. L. Russell
Probate Clerk.

State of Michigan - The Probate Court for the county of Hillsdale.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office to the city of Hillsdale, in said county, on the 30th day of December A.D. 1907

Present, Hon. Fred H. Stone, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William G. Wright, deceased.

Vinson Howard Wright having filed in said court his petition, praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to himself or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 22d day of January A.D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition; and that a copy of this order be submitted for three successive weeks

previous to said day of hearing in the Hillsdale Standard, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Fred H. Stone Judge of Probate

Attest: M. L. Russell
A true copy Probate Clerk"

On January 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the declaration of the subscribing witness of the will of William Greenberry Wright was filed:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale,

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Hillsdale, in said County, on the 22d. day of January A.D. 1908

Present, Hon. Fred H. Stone Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

Hearing on petition of Vinson H. Wright for the probate of an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

Evidence of publication of notice of hearing filed.

Petitioner appeared Mortimer Day being duly sworn and examined as a witness on behalf of the petitioner, to prove the last will and testament of said deceased, testified as follows:

I reside in the Township of Pittsford in the county of Hillsdale and state of Michigan. I was acquainted with said deceased, in his life time. At the time of his death, his was a resident of the Township of Pittsfsord in said county, and died on or about the 22d. day of December A. D. 1907

I am one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument now on file in said court, and now shown to me, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased. On the 21st. day of April A.D. 1905 at the Township of Pittsford in the county of Hillsdale and state of Michigan, said deceased signed and sealed said instrument in the presence of myself and C. W. Peltier the other subscribing witness thereto. The said deceased, then and there, in our presence, published and declared the said instrument to be his last will and testament, and then and there requested us to subscribe our names to said instrument as witnesses thereto. We did thereupon, then and there, at the request of said deceased, in

his presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribe our names to said instrument as witnesses thereto."

On January 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court admitted the will of William Greenberry Wright to probate and appointed Vinson Howard Wright as executor thereof:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Hillsdale in said County, on the 22d. day of January A.D. 1908

Present, Hon Fred H. Stone Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

This day having been appointed for hearing the petition of Vinson H. Wright praying for the probate of the instrument heretofore filed in said court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased and due notice of the hearing on said petition having been given as directed by said court, the said petitioner appeared and no one appearing to oppose

It appearing to the court from the testimony of Mortimer Day, one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument that said deceased signed and duly executed said instrument as and for his last will and testament in the presence of sufficient and competent witnesses, and that said witnesses attested and subscribed said instrument as subscribing witnesses thereto, at the request of said deceased in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and that said deceased at the time of the execution thereof was of full age and sound mind, and under no restraint or undue influence;

It further Appearing, that said deceased died on the 22d. day of December A.D. 1907 and at the time of his death was an inhabitant of the Township of Pittsford in said county and that said instrument: is duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased;

It is Ordered, that said instrument be and is hereby allowed and admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that the same be recorded as required by law;

It is further Ordered, that the execution of said will be committed, and the administration of the estate of said deceased be granted to Vinson Howard

Wright the Executor named in said will who is ordered to give bond in the penal sum of Ten Thousand dollars.

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate."

On January 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson Howard Wright filed his surety bond for appointment as executor of the will of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Vinson Howard Wright as principal and Mabel R. Knittle, Eugenie Poling, C. O. Wright, L. W. Wright S. W. Wright & Vada Roush as sureties, within the state of Michigan, are held and firmly bound and obliged unto Fred H. Stone, judge of probate in and for said county, in the full sum of Ten Thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid unto the said judge of probate, his successors in said office or assigns, to the true payment whereof we do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents

Sealed with our seals this 22d. day of January A.D. 1908

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Vinson Howard Wright who has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, shall well and truly perform, observe and keep the conditions following, to-wit:

1st. That __ shall make and return to said court within thirty days, a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of said deceased which shall come to __ possession or knowledge, or to the possession of any other person for __;

2d. That he shall administer according to law, and the will of said deceased, all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of said deceased which shall at any time come to his possession or to the possession of any other person for him and out of the same pay and discharge all debts, legacies and charges chargeable on the same, or such dividends thereon as shall be ordered and decreed by said court;

3d. That he shall render a true and just account of his administration to said court, within one year, and at any other time when required by said court;

4th. That he shall perform all orders and decrees of said court, by said executor to be performed in the premises; then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

L W Wright
S. H. Wright
Vada Roush
V. H. Wright
Mabel R Knittle
Eugenie Poling
C. O. Wright"

On January 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court appointed commissioners to settle any claims against the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, Deceased.
To Mortimer Day and Joseph Gahagan Greeting:

Having been appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased, you will first be sworn to the faithful performance of your duties and, within thirty days from the date hereof, appoint convenient times and places when and where you will meet for the purpose of examining and allowing such claims, and give notice thereof, and of the time hereby limited for creditors to present their claims, by posting notices thereof in three public places in said county, and also by publishing such notice at least three weeks successively in the Hillsdale Standard a newspaper printed in said county. Either of you are authorized to administer oaths to parties and witnesses, when the same shall be required or proper for the investigation and trial of questions before you. 4 months from this date were allowed by said court to the creditors of said deceased to present their claims to you for examination and allowance, at the expiration of which time, or as soon thereafter as you shall be able to complete the hearing of the claims presented, you are to make a report to said court of your proceedings in the examination and adjustment of said claims, embracing a list of the claims presented or exhibited in off-set, and stating how much thereof was allowed and how much disallowed, together with the final balance in favor of the claimant or of said estate, as the case may be, which shall include interest to the date of your report. You are to note in distinct classes the claims allowed by you, in the following order: 1st. The necessary funeral expenses; 2d. The expenses of the last sickness of said deceased; 3d Debts having a preference by the laws of the United States; 4th. Debts due other creditors. You will make due proof of the manner of giving said notice and return this commission with your report.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale in said county, this 22d. day of January A.D. 1908

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan)
County of Hillsdale) ss.

On the 22" day of March A.D. 1908, before me personally appeared Mortimer Day and Joseph Gahagan the commissioners above named; and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the trust reposed in them by the foregoing commission as required by law.

Stanley C Stone
Notary Public Lenawee County, Mich.

My commission expires October 10" 1910"

On February 6, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court terminated Vinson Howard Wright as special administrator of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, Deceased.
To Vinson H. Wright, Special Administrator Greeting:

Whereas, it appears by the records and proceedings of said court that you have in all things faithfully and justly performed and discharged all and singular the duties and obligations which by law and the orders of said court were required and enjoined upon you as Special Administrator of said estate, and that you have duly and fully accounted for and administered all of said estate which has come into your possession, in the manner provided by law;

Now, therefore, you are hereby discharged, exonerated and acquitted from any and all liabilities concerning your said trust, and your doings and proceedings are forever quieted, your official bond cancelled, and your letters of Special Administration heretofore granted are hereby revoked and annulled.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale in said county, this 6th. day of February A.D. 1908.

Fred H Stone
Judge of Probate."

On February 6, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court issued Letters Testamentary to Vinson Howard Wright as executor of the will of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, Deceased.

To Vinson Howard Wright of the Township of Pittsfsord Greeting:

You having been appointed executor of said estate, the last will and testament of said deceased having been duly admitted to probate in said court, and having given a bond in the premises which has been duly approved and filed as required by law, I do by these presents commit unto you full power and authority to administer and faithfully dispose of, according to law and the will of said deceased, all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of said deceased, which shall at any time come to your possession, or to the possession of any other person for you, and to ask, gather, levy, recover and receive all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate whatsoever of said deceased, which to him at the time of his death did belong; and to pay and discharge all debts, legacies and charges chargeable on the same, or such dividends thereon as shall be ordered and decreed by said court; hereby requiring you to render a just and true account of your administration to said court within one year, and at least once in each year thereafter during your administration, and at any other time when required by said court, and to perform all orders and decrees of said court by you to be performed in the premises.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale in said County, this 6th. day of February, A.D. 1908

Fred H Stone
Judge of Probate."

On May 22, 1908, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the commissioners filed their report of claims against the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale
To the Probate Court for said County:
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright, Deceased.

We, the undersigned commissioners, do hereby certify and report that, having first taken the oath prescribed by law, for the faithful performance of our duty, we did, within thirty days after our appointment, give public notice of the time limited by said court for creditors of said deceased to present their claims, and that we would meet on Monday the 23d. day of March A.D. 1908, and on Friday the 22d. day of May A.D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day, at late residence of said deceased in said county, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims; that such notice was given by posting the same in three public places in said county, and also by publishing a copy thereof in the Hillsdale Standard a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, for three weeks successively, as more fully appears in the annexed affidavits.

We do further report that we have, in pursuance of said notice, received, examined and adjusted all claims and demands against said deceased presented to us, and the claims filed on behalf of said estate in off-set thereto, as hereinafter set forth, viz.: The first column contains the names of the several claimants, and the character of each claim; the second column shows the amount of such claim; the third column shows the amount, if any, of the claim which was disallowed; the fourth column shows the amount, if any, of the off-set filed on behalf of said estate against such claim; the fifth column shows the amount of such off-set, if any, which was disallowed; the sixth column shows the amount, if any, of the balance allowed in favor of said claimant, including interest to this date, and the seventh column shows the amount, if any, of the final balance allowed in favor of said estate, including interest to this date; and that the amount of our fees for services in the premises is stated opposite our names, respectively:

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Name of Claimants and Character of Claims	Amount Claimed Dolls. Cts	Am't Thereof Disallowed Dolls. Cts.	Am't Of Offset Dolls. Cts.
V. H Wright	350.00		
L W Wright	275.00		35.00 rec'd on said claim

Am't Thereof Disallowed Dolls. Cents	Am't Of Final Bal In Favor Of Claimant Dolls. Cents	Am't Of Final Bal In Favor Of Estate Dolls. Cents
	350.00	
	240.00	

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty second day of May A.D. 1908

Mortimer Day, fees $2.50
Joseph Gahagan, fees $2.50
Commissioners"

On February 13, 1909, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson Howard Wright filed his petition for distribution of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"To the Hon Fred H Stone Judge of Probate for the County of Hillsdale, State of Michigan.

The Petition of Vinson Howard Wright who is of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of the County of Hillsdale, respectfully shows:

That he is Executor of the estate of William G. Wright deceased: That he has fully administered upon said estate and wishes to have his final account settled and allowed, an order of distribution made and to be discharged with his bond.

Your Petitioner Therefore Prays That all persons interested in said estate may be duly cited, as required by law, and to this Court may seem proper, that his final account may be settled and allowed, that an order to distribution may be made and that he and his bond may be discharged, and that such other and further order and proceedings may be had in the premises as may be required by law.

Dated Feby 13 1909 Vincent H Wright"

On February 13, 1909, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court set March 12, 1909, for the hearing of the petition of Vinson Howard Wright for distribution of the estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan)
County of Hillsdale) ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale, holden at the Probate Office in the City of Hillsdale, on Saturday, the 13th. day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine

Present, Fred H. Stone, Judge of Probate

In the matter of the estate of William G. Wright Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Vinson Howard Wright Executor of said estate, asking to have his final account settled and allowed, for an order of distribution, and to be discharged with his bond.

Thereupon it is Ordered, That Friday, the 12th. day of March 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that a copy of this order be published in the Hillsdale Standard a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Hillsdale, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

Attest
A True Copy
Probate Clerk"

Fred H Stone
Judge of Probate.

On April 2, 1909, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, D.B. 167/443 Vinson Howard Wright, as executor, executed a deed to sell the 80 acres of land purchased by William G. Wright shortly before his death:

"Executor's Deed

William G. Wright
to
David P. Rickenbaugh
and
Frank S. Rickenbaugh

Recorded April 2, 1909 at 3 P.M.
William H Welden
Register of Deeds

This Indenture Made the 19th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine (1909). Between Vinson Howard Wright of Prattville, Mich. of the first part, and David P. Rickenbaugh and Frank S. Rockenbaugh, Father and Son, of Hudson Mich. as Tenants in common of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, by virtue of the power and authority to him given by the last will and testament of William G. Wright late of

Pittsford and for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Thousand Six hundred dollars to him paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and conveys unto the said parties of the second part and to the survivor of them His heirs and assigns forever. All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the township of Pittsford, Hillsdale County and State of Michigan, known and described as follows viz; The East one half of the North West Quarter of Section number Thirteen (13) in Township Seven (7) South of Range one (1) West, Pittsford, Hillsdale County Michigan 80 acres more or less. This conveyance is made subject to a certain mortgage given to Executors of Day on which there is now due $2900 and interest from Mrch 28, 19__ which said sum is to be deducted from the consideration above specified, and which said Mortgage parties of the second part assume and agree to pay. Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof And all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, which the said testator had in his lifetime, and at the time of his decease, and which the said party of the first part has by virtue of the said last will and testament or otherwise, of in and to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances, to have and to hold, forever. And the said party of the first part for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators does covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the second part the survivor of them his heirs and assigns that he has not made, done, committed, executed or suffered any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, or by means whereof, the above mentioned and described premises or any part and parcel thereof, now are or at any time hereafter shall or may be impeached, charged or encumbered in any manner or way whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed and Delivered) Vinson Howard Wright
in presence of)
F. H. Stone)
M. L. Russell)

State of Michigan)
County of Hillsdale) S.S.

On this 19th day of March, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and nine, before me a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came the above named Vinson Howard Wright known to me to be the person who executed the

foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed, as Executor as in said instrument described

Fred H. Stone
Notary Public
Commission Exp Feby 20, 1911

We, the undersigned being all the heirs at law of said William G. Wright, hereby approve of and consent to the above sale.

Mabel Knittle
Novada Roush
Eugenie Ellen Poling
Sylvanous Wesley Wright
Cletus Orlen Wright
Rhoda D. Wright
Loutillis W. Wright
V. H. Wright"

On April 13, 1909, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, Vinson Howard Wright filed his accounting for the distribution of the estate of estate of William Greenberry Wright:

"Final Account of Vinson Howard Wright Executor
The Estate of William G Wright, Dec'd
To Vinson H Wright Dr.

1908.		Dr.
Jny 1	To paid Casket &c	100.00
	" " rev. Spaulding	48.00
	" " Taxes on farm	52.40
	" " Exp Burrial (Mahl)	10.00
Mar 28	" " Int on Mtg	145.00
	" " L. W. Wright on acct	35.00
Apr 8	" " 3/4 B Clover Seed	10.50
Nov 21	" " L. W. Wright acct	100.00
Dec 9	" " Taxes	43.16
09		
Apr 2	" " L. W Wright	100.00
" "	" " Com Sold RE	100.00
" "	" " Monument	105.00
" 13	" " bal claim L. W. Wright	40.00
" 13	" " Claim V. H Wright	350.00
Dec 28	" " Telephone	1.30

" 23	" " Underrall	1.15
" 23	" " Ticket to Van Wert	1.45
" 25	" " Burial Exp. V.W	6.00
	" " Vault	45.00
	" " drawing Agreement	4.25
	" " funeral flowers	3.00
	" " Barber bill	.50
" 31	" " Ex Hillsdale	.64
08		
Jny 28	" " " "	1.28
24	" " " Delphos & Ret	3.86
	" " " Agreement	1.00
Feby 6	" " " Hillsdale	.64
" 27	" " " Selling per.	.78
Apr 8	" " 1/2 Bush Clover Seed	7.00
June 24	" " Ex Hillsdale	.64
08		
Dec 1	" " Insurance	5.42
09		
Feby 13	" " Recording Will	1.50
" 23	" " Ex Hillsdale	.64
" "	" " Abstract	2.00
Mch 19	" " Ex Hillsdale	.84
Apr 2	" " Ex Van Wert	12.00
" 13	" " " Hillsdale	.84
"	" " Coms & Appro	5.00
"	" " Ptg. Costs & Deed	20.00
Apr 9	" " Mtg & Int	3045.00
13	" Services bal waived	25.00
"	" Amt to Bal	11,154.81
		15.590.63

1907	Contra.	Cr.
Dec 23	By Cash Pension check	60.00
	" " Pocket Book	8.00
Jny 4	" " Bries Bank	284.62
Feby 27	" " Sale personal	37.38
Mch 28	" " Bal Rent	150.00
Nov 21	" " Rent '08	300.00
09		
Apr 9	" " Sale Farm	7600.00
" 13	" Adv. L. W. W	1240.17
	" " C O. W	1240.17
	" " R. D. W.	1240.17

" " Mabel R K	243.33
" " V. H. W	1094.13
Note " " "	2092.66
____	1.51

This account settled and allowed this 7th day of September 1910

Fred H Stone
Judge of Probate

____ of final account of V. H. Wright, Administrator.

The final balance in hands of Admr. after paying all expenses, costs and the amounts allowed L. W. and V. H. is		$4,004.18
To this we add advancements as follows,		
L. W. W.		1.240.17
C. O. W.		1,240.17
R. D. W.		1,240.17
M. R. K.		243.33
V. H. W.		1,094.13
also note of V. H. with interest to date at 3%		2,092.66
		$11,154.81

Or for each share 1/8 or $1,394.35

Taking into account all these advancements and the stipulations allowing the same and making every one of the heirs even, the estate would be distributed as follows,

To L. W. W.	154.18	
" C. O. W.	154.18	
" R. D. W.	154.18	
" Mabel	1,151.02	
" V. H. W.	300.22	
" S. W. W.	1,394.35	
" N. Roush	1,394.35	
" Eugenia Poling	1,394.35	$6,096.83

This last amount is made up of balance on hand	$4,004.18
and amount of V. H. Note	2,092.66
	$6,096.84

Hillsdale County,) ss.

Vinson H. Wright being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the within is a correct and true account of his doings as Admr. of the estate of William G. Wright and of the amount received and paid out by his as such Admr and the amount still in his hands as such Admr

V. H. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of April A.D. 1909

Fred H Stone
Judge of Probate"

On September 7, 1910, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court allowed and settled the accounting of Vinson Howard Wright:

"State of Michigan) The Probate Court for Said County
County of Hillsdale) ss

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Hillsdale, holden at the Office of the Judge thereof in the City of Hillsdale, on Wednesday, the 7th. day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and Ten.

Present, Fred H. Stone, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William G. Wright. Deceased

March 12th. 1909 having been assigned by the Court for hearing the final account of Vinson Howard Wright, Executor of the last will and testament of said Deceased as such for an order of distribution, and to be discharged with bond; And said hearing having been duly continued to this day and it appearing satisfactorily to the Court by due proof on file that due notice of the hearing of said account and order of distribution has been given to all persons interested, as directed by the Court, and it further satisfactorily appearing, after a full examination and hearing upon said account that the same is just and ought to be allowed.

It is Ordered and Decreed by the Court, that the same be and is hereby allowed as the final account of said Vinson Howard Wright, Executor as aforesaid.

And it satisfactorily appearing that all the proceedings required by law for the proper administration and settlement of said estate have been taken; and that all the debts, funeral charges, expenses of last sickness and of administration have

been fully paid: and that there remains a balance on hand consisting of notes to be treated as advancements and cash remaining from sale of real and personal estate the sum of $11,154.81

And it further appearing from the terms and conditions of said will and the stipulations filed in said estate that said balance so on hand should be and has been distributed as shown by the statement attached to said account.

It is therefore ordered that said Executor be discharged and his bond cancelled

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate"

On September 7, 1910, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, Probate File 4665, the court Vinson Howard Wright as executor of the will of William Greenberry Wright:

"State of Michigan,
The Probate Court for the County of Hillsdale.
In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Wright. Deceased
To Vinson Howard Wright. Greeting:

Whereas, it appears by the records and proceedings of said court that you have in all things faithfully and justly performed and discharged all and singular the duties and obligations which by law and the orders of said court were required and enjoined upon you as Executor of said estate, and that you have duly and fully accounted for and administered all of said estate which has come into your possession, in the manner provided by law;

Now, therefore, you are hereby discharged, exonerated and acquitted from any and all liabilities concerning your said trust, and your doings and proceedings are forever quieted, your official bond cancelled, and your letter testamentary heretofore granted are hereby revoked and annulled.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at the City of Hillsdale in said county, this 7th day of September A.D. 1910.

Fred H. Stone,
Judge of Probate."

History Of Allen County included the following information about William Greenberry Wright in a biographical sketch of S. W. Wright:

"S. W. Wright was not only a farmer but was regarded as one of the ablest men of affairs in Allen County. He has to his credit two terms of capable service as

county commissioner, and disharged other obligations in the common welfare. The Wright farm and home are a mile east of Delphos in Marion Township.

He was born in Highland County, Ohio, November 19, 1850, son of William G. and Louisa (Manker) Wright. His father, who was born in Virginia, May 3, 1827, a son of William and Rhoda R. Wright, came with his parents to Highland County, Ohio, at the age of eight years. William G. Wright married Louisa Manker January 2, 1850. She died October 4, 1871, mother of the following children: Sylvenius W., V. H., Luella B., deceased, Eugenia, Nevada E. and Lena. William G. Wright enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry early in the Civil war, was wounded in the knee at Perryville, and for the rest of the war performed duties as a recruiting officer at Cincinnati. He then resumed farming, and on June 13, 1872, married Martha R. Judkins, daughter of Franklin and Caroline Judkins. The children born to that union were Birdie D., Lulellis, Mabel, Rosaline, Cleotus, Lillie A., Rhoda D. and Goldie., four of whom died in infancy. In 1882 William G. Wright moved to Van Wert County, buying a 100-acre farm east of the county seat. He was a democrat in politics and in 1893 was elected trustee of his township. Besides being a practical farmer he gained a great reputation in early life as a hunter and killed many deer in Ohio and other states. For a number of years he conducted an apiary in connection with his general farming. He was a member of the Masonic order and his wife was a Methodist. . . . ."

In various undated notes, but written in about 1968, Cletus Orlen Wright stated that William Greenberry Wright was a son of William S. Wright and Rhoda (Wright) Wright, was born on May 3, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, moved to Highland County, Ohio, when he was eight years old, married first Louisa Manker on January 2, 1850,, moved to Allen County, Ohio, served in the 13th Ohio Cavalry in the Civil War, married second Martha Rebecca Judkins on June 13, 1872, at her home, moved to Van Wert County, Ohio, on October 3, 1882, and died on December 23, 1907, at Hudson, Michigan, that Louisa (Manker) Wright was born on June 29, 1832, and died on October 5, 1871, that Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright was the daughter of Franklin B. Judkins and Antice Caroline (Drake) Judkins, was born on May 5, 1851, near Lima, Ohio, and died on October 4, 1904, near Van Wert, Ohio, and that William Greenberry Wright and Louisa (Manker) Wright had the following children:

1) Sylvanus Wesley Wright, born on November 2, 1850,

2) Vinson Howard Wright, born on July 3, 1853,

3) Luela Bell Wright, born on october 25, 1855,

4) Eugenie Ellen Wright, born on January 1, 1860,

5) Novada Emma Wright, born on May 5, 1862, and

6) Lena May Wright, born on August 9, 1871, and

that William Greenberry Wright and Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright had the following children:

1) ____ Wright, an unnamed daughter born on December 14, 1874, who died in infancy,

2) Bertie Dell (Wright) Mohler, born on June 20, 1876, near Delphos, Ohio,

3) Loutellis Wells Wright, born on February 13, 1878, near Delphos, Ohio,

4) Mable Rosaline (Wright) Knittle, born on March 27, 1880, near Delphos, Ohio,

5) Cletus Orlen Wright, bornon September 3, 1882, near Delphos, Ohio,

6) Lillie Antice Wright, born on March 29, 1885, near Van Wert, Ohio,

7) Dulcena Rhoda Wright, born on February 15, 1888, near Van Wert, Ohio, and

8) Golda Gertrude Wright, born on May 31, 1891, near Van Wert, Ohio.

In her letter dated October 6, 1994, Karen Piojda stated that Lutellis Wells Wright "told how his Dad would go tothe same stump year after year, sit on it, place a blanket over his legs with a lantern under it for heat. He said all he had to do is sit and wait. Claimed he would have his deer within three days."

In her letter dated July 26, 1995, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed the following statement:

> "On April 23, 1995 while visiting with T. E. Judkins (Great-grandson of Emily J. Judkins) of Critersville, Ohio I was shown old papers. One of which was a paper where the names of Hiram and Phoeba (Swadley) Manker along with the names of the members of their immediate family. It was written [most likely by Emily J. (Manker) Judkins] in pencil on lined paper as follows:

Front:

Father

Hiram Manker
Born on April 15, 1806
Died on March 7, 1853

Mother

Phoeba Swadley
Born on April 2, 1808
Died on may 8, 1864

Balance of front page is illegible due to fading or erasure

Back:

Louisa & William Greenberry Wright
Melisa malvina Manker & Joseph N.? Stevens
were married March 1st 1855
Sarah Ann Manker and Peter Ranmater (Not sure of beginning letter R)
were married
Emily Jane Manker and Wm. Wilson Judkins
were Married
Sanford H. Manker and Emily Ditto
were Married
Malinda Ellen Manker and Jonathan Dilsaver (Possible spelling Dillsaver)
were Married

Martha Jane Manker died December 1st 1829 & was buried on the Swadley farm near Hillsboro
Louisa Wright Died
was buried in the
Malinda Ellen Dilsaver Died
was buried
Sarah Ann Ranmater Died
was buried
Emily Jane Judkins
Sanford Howel Manker Died
was buried"

This record indicates that Louisa (Manker) Wright was the daughter of Hiram Manker and Phoeba (Swadley) Manker.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1907 William Greenberry Wright of Hillsdale County, Michigan, and Louisa (Manker) Wright were the following:

1) Sylvanius Wesley Wright, born on November 19, 1850, at Highland County, Ohio,

2) Vinson Howard Wright, born on July 23, 1853, at Highland County, Ohio,

3) Leweller Belle (Wright) Judkins, born on October 25, 1855, at Highland County, Ohio,

4) Eugenia Ellen (Wright) Poling, born on January 1, 1860, at Highland County, Ohio,

5) Novada Emma (Wright) Roush, born on May 5, 1862, at Highland County, Ohio,

6) Lena May Wright, born on August 9, 1871,

7) ____ Wright, and

8) ____ Wright,

and the children of 1907 William Greenberry Wright and Martha Rebecca (Judkins) Wright were the following:

1) ____ Wright,

2) ____ Wright,

3) ____ Wright, born on December 14, 1874,

4) Berty or Birty Dell (Wright) Mohler, born on June 22, 1876, at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio,

5) Loutellis or Lutellis Wells Wright, born on February 13, 1878, at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio,

6) Mabel Rosaline (Wright) Knittle, born on March 27, 1880, at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio,

7) Cletus Orlen Wright, born on Sep 3, 1882, at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio,

8) Lilly Antice Wright, born on March 29, 1885, at Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio,

9) Rhoda Dulcena (Wright) LaMontaine, born on February 17, 1888, at Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio,

10) Gertrude Golda Wright, born on May 31, 1891, at Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, and

11) ____ Wright.

vii. Susan Elizabeth "Belle" Wright

Susan Elizabeth "Belle" Wright was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Hillsdale County, Michigan. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed Elizabeth Wright in the William S. Wright household and her age as 20 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1830.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed Elizabeth Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share to my son Wm G. Wright one share; to my daughter Elizabeth Wright one share, ..."

The 1870 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed Elizabeth Wright in the William S. Wright household and her age as 35 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1835.

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of Susan E. Wright based on a Family Bible:

> "Births -
> . . . .
>
> Susan E. Wright born 3d April 1830
> . . . .
>
> The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880
. . . .

Aug 08
. . . .
a legatee in full
paid Lizzie Wright 11 205.14
. . . ."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberg Wright stated that:

". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel; Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; Priscilla, wife of Elisha Johnson, of Clinton couty, Ohio; William Greenberry, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who resides in Missouri; . . . ."

Undated notes of Cletus Orlen Wright listed Elizabeth Wright as Bell and stated that she resided in Missouri.

viii. James L. Wright And His Wife Lucinda A. (Fenner) Wright

James L. Wright was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed James Wright in the William S. Wright household and his age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

In her letter dated December 11, 1995, Mrs. Karen Piojda enclosed a copy of the marriage record of James L. Wright and Lucinda A. Fenner dated on November 22, 1853, at Highland County, Ohio:

> "The State of Ohio)
> Highland County) SS
>
> I do hereby certify that James L. Wright and Lucinda A. Fenner were joined in marriage by me on the 22 day of Nov. 1853
>
> Wm M. McReynolds M.E.
>
> Recorded Jan 4, 1854"

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the marriage of James L. Wright and Lucinda A. Fenner on November 22, 1853, at Highland County, Ohio, with the marriage performed by William M. McReynolds.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13, listed James L. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share to my son Wm G. Wright one share; to my daughter Elizabeth Wright one share to my son James Wright one share . . . ."

The declaration of Elisha Johnson dated December 19, 1877, in Pension File WC 6953 listed the birth of James L. Wright from the Family Bible:

> "Births -
> . . . .
>
> James L. Wright born 15th Novr. 1832
> . . . .
>
> The foregoing persons whose birth is here recorded, are the children of William S. Wright and Rhody Wright."

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880
. . . .

Aug 08
. . . .
paid J. L. Wright 8 205.14
a legatee in full
. . . ."

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

". . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel; Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; Priscilla, wife of Elisha Johnson, of Clinton couty, Ohio; William Greenberry, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who resides in Missouri; James L., a physician, residing in the Argentine Republic, ..."

In his letter dated June 23, 1968, Cletus Orlen Wright stated that James L. Wright was a physician who resided in the Argentine Republic.

ix. 1916 Anthony G. Wright Of Highland County, Ohio, His Wife Elizabeth Rachel (Lupton) Wright, And His Descendants

1916 Anthony G. Wright of Highland County, Ohio, was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Wright and 1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed Anthony Wright in the William S. Wright household and his age as 13 and born in Ohio, indicating a date of birth in about 1837.

Marriage Records Of Highland County, Ohio (1805-1880) listed the marriage of Anthony Wright and Lizzie Lupton on October 17, 1861, at Highland County, Ohio, with the marriage performed by Charles C. Bowers.

The will of William S. Wright dated May 3, 1867, and probated on July 28, 1876, at Highland County, Ohio, W.B. 7/13 listed Anthony Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . that the entire property both real estate and personal property be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and be equally divided between my children; except Winfield Wright my oldest son how having had his portion as per receipt now in my possession; to wit to my daughter Lucinda Hansell one share; to my son John Wright one share to my daughter Pricilla Johnson one share to my son Wm G. Wright one share; to my daughter Elizabeth Wright one share, to my son James Wright one share, and to my son Anthony Wright one share. . . ."

The 1870 Census for Highland County, Ohio, listed Anthony Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Anthony Wright	33	Farmer	Ohio
Elizabeth Wright	28	housewife	Ohio
Arvis L. Wright	7	at home	Ohio
Frank A. Wright	6	at home	Ohio
Charles W. Wright	3	at home	Ohio

On August 19, 1880, in Highland County, Ohio, File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed an inventory of the estate of William S. Wright:

> "William S. Wright's Estate
>
> Inventory of Real Estate Directed by the Will of Decedent to be sold by the Executor.
>
> Situate in the County of Highland State of Ohio and in Penn Township, lying and being on the waters of Clear Creek, a branch of the Rocky Fork of Paint Creek, being a part of Survey No 2508, of 2000 acres entered for and in the name of Thomas Streshley and bounded and described as follows Viz:-Begining at a Stone, two white oaks and a black gum, pointers: Thence N. 72° E. 160 poles, passing Gideon Stephen's former Corner (a Sugartree, and Small oak) at 8 poles, crossing a branch at 61-50/100 poles, and passing Stephen's former northeasterly Corner, (a black oak & Dogwood) at 149-70/100 poles to a Stone, near a black gum and a Dogwood pointers: Thence N. 18° 30' W. 56-50/100 poles to a Stone: Thence S. 72° W. 160 poles to a Stone: Thence S. 19° 30' E

56-50/100 poles to the begining. Containing Fifty Six and One Quarter (56-1/4) acres of land be the Same more or less. Being the same lands Deeded by Daniel Cary and Anna Carey, to Wm S. Wright by a Deed dated September 12th A.D. 1836

Value $1600.00
A. G. Wright

State of Ohio Highland County SS.

I Anthony G Wright Executor of the Will of Wm S Wright make solemn oath that the above is a true & correct Inventory of the Real Estate of Wm. S. Wright decd. which is directed by the Will of decedent to be sold by the Executor

A. G. Wright

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th day of August 1880.

Geo B. Gardner
Probate Judge"

On June 16, 1881, at Highland County, Ohio, Probate File 3392 Anthony G. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of William S. Wright:

"Administrator's Or Executor's Accounts

Anthony G Wright Exr of the Estate of William S Wright decd in account with said Estate. ____ Account

Said ____ charges himself as follows:

1880				
Aug 19	To cash for real estate sold to Samuel Ingle		$1600.00	1600.00

Accountant claims credit as follows.

Aug 08	80 pd probate Judge fees	1	8.50	
	paid probate Judge	2	2.00	
	paid Beason fetso diging grave	3	2.25	
	paid F. C. Quinn for medacine	4	8.00	
	paid W. R. Fines for monument	5	50.00	
	paid delinquent taxes	6	15.74	
	paid legacy in full	7	205.14	291.53

W. G. Wright			
paid J. L. Wright a legatee in full	8	205.14	
paid priscilla Johnson a legatee in full	9	205.14	
paid L. W. Hansell a legatee in full	10	205.14	
paid Lizzie Wright a legatee in full	11	205.14	
paid A. G. Wright a legatee in full	12	205.14	
paid J. H. Wrights heirs as follows:-			
Clark Wright	13	68.38	
Laura Phelps	14	68.38	
mrs A. B. Kelly	15	68.38	1230.84
			1522.47
Pd Probate Judge the a/c		6.70	
Admr Compensation		70.83	1600.00

Said estate is all administered, & acconn__ files this a/c as his report of said estate

Affidavit To Account

The State of Ohio,) I, A G Wright
Highland County, ss.) Exr.
of the Estate of Wm S Wright do make solemn oath that the within is a true and correct account of said Estate, as I verily believe.

Sworn and Subscribed to this 16 day of June A.D. 1881

A. G. Wright

Before me, Geo B Gardner Probate Judge.

Probate Court Highland County Ohio Continued and held July 18 1881 No 3392

In re the estate of) Final Acct
Wm S Wright)

Notice of the filing of the account of A G Wright Executor of the estate of Wm S Wright decd that the same was set for hearing for July 18" 1881 having been duly given by publication in the Highland Weekly News a newspaper of this County and this being the day named therein for a hearing of said account the same this day came on to be heard and no exceptions thereto being filed the Court carefully examined and finding said account in all things true and correct it is ordered that the same be and it is hereby appoved and settled

The Court further finds that said Executor has fully administered said trust and that there is no further balance of said estate remaining in his hands

Geo B Gardner
Probate Judge"

A Portrait And Biographical Record Of Mercer And Van Wert Counties, Ohio, published in 1896, in a biography of William Greenberry Wright stated that:

> . . . . His parents, William S. and Rhoda R. Wright, had a family of eight children, who were named as follows: Lucinda, a resident of Missouri, and a widow of John Hensel; Winfield Scott and John H., deceased; Priscilla, wife of Elisha Johnson, of Clinton couty, Ohio; William Greenberry, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who resides in Missouri; James L., a physician, residing in the Argentine Republic, and Anthony G., of Highland county, Ohio. . . ."

The 1900 Census for Highland County, Ohio listed Anthony G. Wright with the following household:

Name	Relationship	Color	Sex	Date of Birth	Age at Last Birthday	No. Years Married	Mother No. Living	No. Children Living	Place of Birth	Place of Birth of Mother	Occupation
Anthony G. Wright	Head	W	M	June 1836	63	38			Ohio	Virginia	Farmer
Elizabeth R. Wright	Wife	W	F	July 1841	58	10	7		Ohio	West Virginia	
Wilbur E. Wright	Son	W	M	July 1884	15				Ohio	Ohio	
John E. Wright	Son	W	M	March 1879	21				Ohio	Ohio	

Cemetery Inscriptions Of Highland County, Ohio listed the following tombstone at Auburn Cemetery, Penn Township, Highland County, Ohio:

"Anthony S. Wright
1836-1916

Elizabeth
1841-1920"

In an undated letter from Minnie Smith she stated that Anthony G. Wright was born in 1836 and died on May 10, 1916, that Elizabeth Rachel Lupton was born in 1841 and died on May 10, 1920, and that they had the following children:

1) Arvis Lamond Wright, born on August 10, 1862, at Ohio;

2) Frank O. Wright, born in 1864 at Ohio;

3) Lutellis Wright, born on July 11, 1866, at Highland County, Ohio;

4) _____ Wright, born in April 1866 at Highland County, Ohio;

5) Charles William Wright, born in 1870 in Ohio;

6) Alva Theodore Wright, born in February 1870;

7) Elsie (Wright) Wright, born in 1873;

8) ____ Wright born on February 25, 1873, at Highland County, Ohio;

9) John Elmer Wright, born in March 1879 at Ohio; and

10) Wilbur Estell Wright, born in July 1884 at Ohio.

c. 1831 Solomon Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Phebe (Wright) Wright, And His Descendants

1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on March 27:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules Colts
Mch 27	Solomon Wright	1			1

Stud horses No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	Carriages 2 wheeled riding carriages	Carriages Phaetons & stage waggons	Carriages Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches Gold silver or pinchmark	Watches Single Cased Gold	Watches Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ country sufficient for The accommodation of one horse	houses in the exceeding in value $500	Ice houses from for private use	Ice houses which ice is sold	Clocks works works of wood without case	Clocks works of wood in the case	Clocks principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd] of value between 50 & 100$	Clocks [cont'd] of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	Printers & the subscriptions annually to their papers	Furniture Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Dining Table or Separate __ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Teapot Candle-sticks__ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
		.21

This record indicates that Solomon Wright was probably born before March 27, 1799.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 20:

Date Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 20	Solomon Wright	1		1		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceeding value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						.18

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 28:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cts
Apl 28	Solomon Wright	1		1		

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff
.18	

The marriage bond of Solomon Wright, Jr., and Phebe Wright was dated on December 27, 1817, at Franklin County, Virginia, with Solomon Wright, Sr., as surety:

> "Know all men by these Presents that we Solomon Wright Jr and Solomon Wright Sr are held and firmly bound unto James P Preston esquire Governor or Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs exors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents, Sealed with our Seals, and dated the 27 day of December 1817
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Solomon Wright & Phebe Wright Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and Virtue
>
> Witness — Solomon wright
> C Tate — Solomon Wright"

The appellations "Senior" and "Junior" were used at this time in history both to indicate a father/son relationship and an older/younger non-family relationship. The Solomon Wright, Sr., in that marriage bond was probably the son of 1849 Thomas Wright and the brother of Phebe Wright. Thomas Anthony Wright, also a son of 1849 Thomas Wright

of Franklin County, married Celia Wright, a daughter of Anthony Wright and sister of Solomon Wright, Jr.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Solomon Wright.

In May 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/485 Solomon Wright was awarded a claim against the Commonwealth of $168:

> "Ord. that George Horns claims agt the ComWealth for $294 - & Matthew Wrights James Mayse & Solomon Wright for $168 each be allowed & certified according to Law"

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Soloman Wright with the following household on March _:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March _	Soloman Wright	1		2	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not exceeding in value $300	Exceeding in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						.36

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sollomon Wright with the following household on April 10:

Date of Receiving list	Persons names chargable with the Tax	No. of white male ties above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 10	Sollomon Wright	1	1	2	

2 wheeled riding carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches and harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding in value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total amt of Taxes
						1.06

Proof

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Solomon Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Solomon Wright	1	16-26	1	16-26
	1	0-10	1	10-16
			1	0-10

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	1		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	0-14						

All Other Persons

This record indicates that Solomon Wright was born between 1794 and 1804.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on February 1:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
February 1	Solomon Wright		3	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						.42

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on March 6:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March 6	Solomon Wright	1	3	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						.95

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 15:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
April 15	Solomon Wright	1	3		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		.83

On December 26, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/289 Solomon Wright purchased 108 acres of land from his father Anthony Wright:

> "This Indenture made this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, between Anthony Wright and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part and Solomon Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Anthony & Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and thirty two dollars paid by the said Solomon Wright have bargained, sold confirmed and delivered and by those presents do grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs, and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and state of Virginia and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning a pine stump corner to Matthem Pates survey thence along his line S. 73-2/3º, E 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam Creek, thence up the South fork of the same to the mouth of Meador branch thence along the lines of William Andersons survey N. 58- 1/2 W 47 poles to two dogwoods thence N. 14º W. 57 poles to a black oak thence N. 17º E 19 poles to a sasafras and persimmon thence new lines N. 72-1/2º W. 57 poles to a dogwood thence S. 59-1/2º W. 12 poles to a hicory thence S. 2º W. 43 poles to a black oak thence S. 26º W. 63 poles to a hickory thence S. 42º W. 23 poles to a white oak, thence S. 15-2/3º E. 35 poles to a red oak, thence N. 78- 3/4º E. 72 poles to the Beginning, Containing 108 . . . . more or less To have and to hold the said land and premises with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever; and they the said Anthony and Elizabeth Wright bind themselves their heirs & assigns to warrant and defend the same unto the said Solomon Wright his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness whereof the said Anthony and Elizabeth Wright have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

Anthony Wright
Elisabeth Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of April 1824. This Indenture of bargain and sale was acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright, and Elizabeth the wife of said Anthony came into Court and voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in & to the land and premises conveyed by her said husband to Solomon Wright which is also ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 12:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 12	Solomon Wright		3		.36

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on March 24:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
March 24	Solomon Wright		3		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		.36

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Solomon Wright	Bedford	108	On the Same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every$100 Valuation	Remarks
17W	4.11		443.88	.36	

This record reflects the purchase of 108 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 18/289.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 15:

Date of Receiv-ing List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c
April 15	Solomon Wright	1	2	3	

Amot of Tax $ Cts
1.30

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Solomon Wright	Bedford	108	On Ayers Mill Cr

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17 W	4.11	443.88		.36	

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	Solomon Wright	1	3		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		.83

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Solomon Wright	Bedford	108	On beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17W	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sollomon Wright with the following household on April 9:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Charged With Tax	Slaves Above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 9	Sollomon Wright	1	3

Stud Horses No $ Tax	____ & Harness No $ Tax	pheatons & Stage Waggons No. $ Tax	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
			.83

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sollomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Sollomon Wright	Bedford	108	on bever dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17W	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on February 23:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Mules Colts & Mares	Stud No $ Cts
February 23	Solomon Wright			4	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & Harness not exceeding in value $100	Above the value of $100	Faytons Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto Carry Alls & Jersey Waggons	Amt of Tax
			.40

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Solomon Wright	Bedford	108	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Build-ings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
17SW	4.11		443.88	.36

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
	Soloman Wright	1		1	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			.08

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Solomon Wright		108	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value
17SW	4.11		443.88	.36

There was no listing in the 1830 Census for Bedford or Franklin County for a Solomon or Phebe Wright. In conjunction with the 1815 Personal Property Tax List, the birth date of Solomon Wright can be estimated as in 1794 or 1795. Since Anthony Wright was residing in Bedford County at the time of birth, the place of birth of Solomon Wright was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household on January 31:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts &c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
	Solomon Wrights Est	2			.12	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Solomon Wright	Bedford	108	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the build-ing thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The will of Solomon Wright, Jr., was dated July 1, 1830, probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God Amen. I Solomon Wright of Bedford County being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to belss me with, I do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate, and the balance of it both real and personal, I desire shall be kept together and to be managed by my wife as she may think proper, for the support

of herself & children, during her life and after her death, whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, Jeremiah, Solomon Minnis, Eliza Jane, and Jubal. Secondly and lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Phebe executrix of this my last will and testament, without requiring of her any security for the same, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of July 1830.

Signed, Sealed, published & declared as) and for the last will and testament of) Solomon Wright the above named Solomon Wright in the) presence of us Edmd Pate, Allen Carner)

At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of October 1831. This last will and testament of Solomon Wright Deceased was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Edmund Pate and Allen Carner subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Phebe Wright the Executrix therein named who gave bond without security as directed by the will and qualified according to law Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

Although there appears to be an extra comma between the names Thomas and Anthony where there should be none, the following is a list of the family of Solomon Wright:

Wife: Phebe (Wright) Wright

Children:
1) Thomas Anthony Wright,
2) Martha Ann Wright,
3) Joel Mayse Wright,
4) Jeremiah Wright,
5) Solomon Minnis Wright,
6) Eliza Jane Wright, and
7) Jubal Wright.

The admission of the will to probate was also recorded in October 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/367:

"Ordered that The last will & testament of Solomon Wright deceased produced in Court proved by the oaths of Edmund Pate & Allen Carner subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of Phebe Wright the executrix in said will named certificate is granted her for obtaining probat thereof who qualified as the law directs and entered into bond conditioned according to law, without security as provided by the will"

In October 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/367 the court appointed appraisers for the estate of Solomon Wright:

"Ordered that Edmund Pate, Matthew Pate, James Wright & Joel Wright or any three of them being first sworn appraise the estate of Solomon Wright decd & report to court"

The Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of Solomon Wright was dated on November 26, 1831, and filed on November 28, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/12:

"An Inventory & appraisement of the personal estate of Solomon Wright Deceased

1 Waggon and hind Gear	$35.00
1 Colt	25.00
1 Old mare	25.00
1 pr stretchers & 2 singletrees	1.50
2 Shovel plows	2.00
2 Single trees & two Clivises	1.00
1 Drawing knife	.12½
1 Raw hide	1.00
2 Axes	1.58
4 hoes	1.34
1 Mattox	1.00
1 Iron wedge	.25
5 small pieces of Iron	.75
1 Log Chain	2.00
1 Hansom	.50
1 pr Steelyards	1.75
7 head Cattle	35.00
13 head of Hogs	32.00
8 head of Sheep	7.00
1 Washing Tub	.37½
3 Barrels	2.25
7 March Tubs	3.50
1 Small Barrel	.25

1 Fat Stand	.50
1 Half Bushel	.50
1 Cotton wheel	2.25
1 Loom	6.00
2 Slays	1.75
3 pr harness or weaving gear	.75
1 pr temples & 2 Shuttles	.37½
Sundry casting pot rack hooks &c	6.00
1 Sad Iron	.25
1 Coffee pot	.25
1 Churn & 2 pales	1.25
1 Mans Saddle	2.50
Amt. carried Over	$202.46½
4 Sacks	1.00
Sundry Table ware, Jugs &c	6.00
1 Cupboard	6.00
7 Chairs	2.50
1 Check reel & flax wheel	2.50
1 Womans Saddle	3.00
a parcel of leather	5.00
1 pair Cotton Cards	.37½
4 Beds, Bedsteads & furniture	60.00
2 Trunks	2.50
1 Candle stand	.75
1 Table	.75
1 Shot Gun	3.00
1 Bible	.50
1 Old Bridle	.50
	$296.84

Agreeable to an order of Bedford October Court 1831 having been duly qualified we have according to the best of our skill and judgment proceeded to appraise the personal property of Solomon Wright Decd. Contained in the annexed inventory to the sum of two hundred and ninety six dollars and eighty four cents. Given under our hands this 26th day of November 1831.

Edmund Pate
Matthew Pate
Joel Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of November 1851. This Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Solomon Wright Decd was returned to Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright's Est with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Solomon Wright's Est			2	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	.12

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mrs Sollomon Wright (W) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Mrs Sollomon Wright (W)	Bed	108	On Beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Solomon Wright			2

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses		Amt of Tax
			.12

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mrs Solomon Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Mrs Solomon Wright	Bed	108	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
17SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Solomon Wrights Est		2	

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		.12

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Phebe Wright	Bed	108	On Beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	____
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	Solomon Wrights Est		2	

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
		.12

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Solomon Wrights Est	1		1

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	2.04

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improvements Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.36	

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household on February 10:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
Feby 10	Solomon Wrights Est		2	

Studs Carriages &c	Tax $ Cts
	.12

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.36

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household on April 15:

	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Apl 15	Solomon Wrights Est		2	

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
	.16

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.45	

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household on March 2:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Mch 2nd	Solomon Wrights Est	1	1	2

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.46

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
17 SW	4.11		443.88	.45	

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wright with the following household on April 27:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Apl 27	Solomon Wright	1	1	1

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.38

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	
20 SW	2.50		270.00	.27	

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Phoebe Wright with the following members of her household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Phoebe Wright	1	20-30	1	40-50
	2	15-20	1	15-20
	2	10-15	1	10-15

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
						1	10-24

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
9		3				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This household fits that given in Solomon's will as to males and females and would place Phebe Wright's birth date between 1795 and 1800.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon Wrights Est with the following household on March 10:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
March 10	Solomon Wrights Est	1	1	3

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
	.77½	

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
Phebe Wright		108	On Beverdam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
20 SW	2.50		270.00	.34

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever Dam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.35	200	459.80	.59	Improve-ments Add

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following household on May 18:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
May 18	Phebe Wright	2	1	2	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Phebe Wright		108	On Bever Dam

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.35	200	468.80	.80	

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household on May 22:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 22	Phoebe Wright	2	1	3	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents
		.78

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Phoebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaver Dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum _____ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings		Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	468.80	.59	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoeby Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoeby Wright	1	1	1	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.52

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
Phoebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ___ especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoebe Wright		1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.10

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Phoebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

On February 2, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Phebe Wright executed her promissory note for $47.63 payable to Matthew Pate:

"On demand & for Value Recd I promise to pay Matthew Pate his heirs or assigns the Just & full sum of forty seven dollars & sixty three cents with legal interest thereon from the first day of January 1847 for the true payment I bind myself my heirs Exors. & admrs firmly by these presents as witness my hand & seal this 2nd day of Feby 1847

Phebe Wright"

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoebe Wright	1	1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
	.42	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Phoebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

On or after May 31, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a statement of account of the amount due on Phebe Wright's bond was prepared:

"Statmt Phebe Wrights Bond due 1st Jany 1847	$47.63
Int to 2nd March 1847	.23½
Cr	47.86½
By 1870 lbs Hay at 40 cents pC	7.48

Dr	$40.38½
To Int to the 31st May 1847	.60
Crs	40.98½
1847 May 31st - By Cash p Wm. H Pate	6.02
	$34.96½"

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoebe Wright	1	1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.42

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Phebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoebe Wright	1	1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.42

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Phebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

On about March 9, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Matthew Pate filed a complaint against Phebe Wright for payment of a debt of $47.63:

"Virginia
In the County Court of Bedford to wit;

Matthew Pate complains of Phebe Wright in Custody &c. of a plea of debt that she render unto him the sum of Forty seven Dollars & sixty three cents lawful money of Virginia with legal interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1847 till paid, which she owes to & from him unjustly detains: For that whereas the said Deft heretofore to wit; on the 2d day of February 1847 at the Parish of ____ & County aforesaid made her certain writing Obligatory sealed with her seal & to the court now here shewn the date whereof is the day & year last aforesaid whereby she the said Deft promised to pay to the said Plff the said sum of Forty Seven Dollars & Sixty three Cents with legal interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1847 for value recd. to be paid to the said Plff by the said Deft whenever she the said Deft should be thereunto afterwards requested Nevertheless the said Deft although often thereunto requessted has not yet paid to the said Plff the said sum of Forty Seven Dollars & sixty three cents with interest thereon as above demanded, but to pay the sum to the said Plff the said Deft has hitherto wholly failed & refused and still fails & refuses so to do to the damage of the Plff $20 and therefore he brings suit &c

Wingfield & Campbell p.q."

On March 9, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Phebe Wright to answer the complaint of Matthew Pate for payment of a debt of $47.63:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take Phebe Wright if she be found within your bailiwick, and her safely keep, so that you have her body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in March next, to answer Matthew Pate of a plea of Debt for Forty seven dollars and sixty three cents with interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1847 - Damage $20. and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 9" day of March 1849, in the 73rd year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On March 17, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Matthew Pate filed a receipt for a payment of $15 by Solomon M. Wright on behalf of Phebe Wright:

"March 17, 1849

Recd of Phebe Wright by the hands of Solomon M Wright the Sum of fifteen dollars in part her bond witness my hand this 17th march 1849

Matthew Pate"

The will of 1849 Thomas Wright dated October 20, 1843, and probated on August 6, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/79 listed Phebe Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Item 10" I have heretofore paid my daughter Phoeby Wright five hundred $ in a negro woman and which is intended as her portion of my estate . . . ."

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Phoebe Wright			1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
		.42

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phoebe Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Phoebe Wright	Bedford	fee	108	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.35	200	669.80	.67	

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Phebe Wright in the household of Joel M. Wright and her age as 50 years and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1800.

The complaint in the case of Wright v. Wright at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 682, listed all seven children of Solomon and Phebe Wright as party plaintiffs:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting
>
> Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit your oratrix Catharine his widow is entitled to one third of the said real estate and slaves for life -
>
> William Wright & Rhoda his wife to one share -
> Your orator Joseph Wright to one share -
> Thomas Wright and Celia his wife to one share -
> Your orator and oratrix George Wheeler and Agnes his wife to one share
> Your orator & oratrix Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife to one share
> Your orator & oratrix Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife to one share
>
> Your oratrix Polly Gish to one share - and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah

> Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, and the above named William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Thomas Wright and Celia his wife reside out of the limits of this state . . . ."

The daughter Martha Ann was listed in the case as married to Jessie G. Bondurant. The marriage bond of Martha Ann Wright, daughter of Pheba, and Jesse G. Bondurant was dated on December 11, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Joel M. Wright as surety. The daughter Eliza Jane was listed in the case as the wife of Samuel W. Claytor. The marriage bond of Eliza Jane Wright, daughter of Phebe, and Samuel H. Claytor was dated on June 22, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jubal Wright as surety and the marriage on July 4, 1849. An accounting for the estate of Anthony Wright recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. A/158 in 1854 listed Samuel H. Claytor as a distributee.

On September 11, 1852, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 22/302, the heirs of 1849 Thomas Wright sold some of his land and Phebe (Wright) Wright was described as then of Roanoke County, Virginia.

Solomon Wright is identified as the son of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County from the deposition of Anthony P. Wright dated November 30, 1852, and filed in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 682:

> "Ans. I have frequently had conversations with Anthony Wright _____(?) in regard to the land conveyed by him to Solomon Wright. He said that he did not intend to charge his son Solomon rent for the land, for if he did, it would eat of his interest in the estate . . ."

Similarly, in the argument of counsel Wm Goggin filed in that same case in April 1855 the following statement was made:

> ". . . . It is evident to my mind that in 1840-41 he (after the old man is proven to be incapable of doing business at times) this aforesaid Anthony got the ear of the old man and induced him then to make out a list of charges against his children so as to benefit his mother and himself and that the old man had forgotten that he had near 20 years before been paid by his son Solomon $432 for the very land that Anthony P. makes him talk about charging rent for --"

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Phebe Wright and her children Jeremiah Wright, Jubal J. Wright, Solomon M. Wright, and Thomas A. Wright, and Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor conveyed their interest in 108 acres of Solomon Wright's land to Joel M. Wright:

> "This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals
>
> Phebe Wright
> Thomas A Wright
> Jeremiah Wright
> Saml H Claytor
> Solomon M Wright
> Eliza Claytor
> Jubal J Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright, Thos A Wright Jeremiah Wright Samuel A Claytor Solomon M Wright & Jubal J Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of December 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1854

Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On August 30, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/34 Phebe Wright and Jubal J. Wright purchased 108 acres of land from Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright:

"This Deed made this 30th day of August 1856 Between Joel M Wright & Martha E his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia parties of the first parte and Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid parties of the second parte. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred dollars the said Joel M Wright & Martha his wife do grant unto the said Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright with general warranty all of a certain tract or parcel of land in Bedford County & State of Virginia & adjoining the lands of William Anderson Christopher Preston & others & containing 108 acres & bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates servey

thence along his line S 73-2/3 E 153 poles to an Elm stump thence on the creek thence on the South forks of the same as it meanders to the mouth of the meador Branch thence with Wm Andersons line N 58-1/2 W 47 poles to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oake thence N 17 E 19 poles to a persimmon and sassafras thence new line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 52 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a read oak thence N 78-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning.

Witness the following signature and seals

Joel M Wright
Martha Wright

Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

J W Howell a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing within bearing date the 30' day of August 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell J.P.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We W Howell & I James Jr Justices of the peace for said County do certify that Martha E Wright the wife of Joel M Wright a party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after after having the Deed fully Explained to her seperate and aparte from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and Deed & willingly signed sealed & delivered the same before us in our County aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell JP
I James Jr. J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 13" day of February 1857 This Deed from Joel M Wright and wife to Jubal J Wright & Phebe Wright conveying

real estate was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On September 1, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/114 Phoeba Wright and Jubal J. and Emily Wright sold 108 acres of land to Anthony P. Wright:

"This Deed made this first day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, between Phoeba Wright Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife of the one part and Anthony P. Wright of the other part Witnesseth for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred and ten dollars the said Phoeba Wright, Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife hath sold unto the said Anthony P. Wright with general warranty a certain particular parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia, On the waters of Beaver dam Creek containing One hundred and Eight Acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows - That is Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates old survey thence along his line S. 73-1/2 East 153 poles to an Elm stump on Beaver dam Creek. Thence up the South fork of said Creek to the mouth of a branch thence along the lines of William Anderson's survey North 58-1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 dogwoods thence North 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N. 17 E. 19 poles to a sassafras thence new lines made in (1823) N. 72-1/2 W. 37 poles to a dogwood then S. 59-1/2 West 12 poles to a Hickory thence South 2 W. 43 poles to a black oak thence South 26 W. 63 poles to a hickory thence South 42 West 23 poles to a white oak thence South 15-2/3 E. 35 poles to a red oak thence N. 70-3/4 East 72 poles to the beginning A lien is retained upon the land for five hundred dollars due the first day of September 1858 - Witness the following signatures and seals

Phebe Wright
Jubal J. Wright
Emoner F. Wright

Bedford County to wit

I James M. Matthews Justice of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright & Jubal J. Wright parties to a certain deed whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid Given under my hand this first day of September 1857

James M. Matthews J.P.

Bedford County to wit

We James M. Matthews & Peter M. Wright, Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Emily Wright wife of Jubal J. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date of the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven, after having the same fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and says she wishes not to retract it - Given under our hands this 1st day of September 1857

P. M. Wright J.P.
James M. Matthews J.P.

In Bedford County Clerks Office 10th October 1858

This deed form Phebe Wright &c to Anthony P Wright conveying real Estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

Our Kin listed Solomon Wright as a son of Anthony Wright.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright were the following:

1) Thomas Anthony Wright, born between 1817 and 1820 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant, born about 1821 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County,

3) Joel Mayse Wright, born on August 8, 1822, at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Jeremiah L. Wright, born between 1820 and 1825 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Solomon Minnis Wright, born between 1825 and 1830 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor, born between 1825 and 1830 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

7) Jubal J. Wright, born about March or April 1830 or probably before October 1929 probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Thomas Anthony Wright And His Wife Mary Jane (Richardson) Wright, And His Descendants

Thomas Anthony Wright was a son of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Thomas Anthony Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the oldest male in the Phoebe Wright household as aged between 20 and 30 years, indicating a date of birth between 1810 and 1820. Since the marriage bond of Solomon and Phebe Wright was dated December 27, 1817, the date of birth was probably between 1817 and 1820.

The marriage consent and bond of Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane Richardson was dated on May 11, 1841, at Roanoke County, Virginia, with Lewis W. Richardson as surety:

> "Mr William Cook Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke
>
> Dear Sir This is to Certify that I am Willing that Thomas A Wright may obtain License for the Marriage of Mary Jane Richardson And that it meets the Approbation of her Mother Given under my hand this 10th of May 1841
>
> Test — Wm McDermed Guardian
> Lewis W Richardson — of Mary Jane Ritchardson
> Sarah Richardson"

> Know All Men by these Presents, That we Thomas A. Wright and Lewis W. Richardson are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Rutherford acting Governor

of Virginia, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, current money; and for the payment of which, well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors in Office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 11th day of May 1841.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly to be had and solemnized between the above bound Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane Richardson of the County of Botetourt. If therefore, there be no lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said Marirage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Teste - thomas A wright
Wm M Cook Lewis W Richardson"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Names	White Males Over 16	Slaves over 16	Slaves over 12	Horses Colts & Mules
Thomas A Wright	1			1

Carryalls	Gigs	Carriages Baruches &c	M Clocks	S Watches &c	Gold Watches	Amount of Taxes
						.12½

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

_____	___	___	___	___
Thomas A Wright	1			1

Carriages &c	Gigs	Carryalls	M Clocks	W Clocks	S Watches	Amount of Taxes
						.14

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

	White Males over 16	Slaves over 16	Slaves over 12	Horses &c	Carri-ages &c	Carryalls
Thomas A Wright	1			1		

S L Watches	S Watches	M Clocks	W Clocks	Pianoes	Amount of Taxes	Deeds
					.12½	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mules, &c
Thomas A Wright	2	1		4

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, includ-ing harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carri-ages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.84½

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thomas Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, also listed Thomas & Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thos. & Jeremiah Wright	1		1	

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

- Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.42

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thomas Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	lepine Gold watches	Patent, lever or silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thomas A Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thomas Wright	1			2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.20

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thomas A Wright	1		2		2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
		.84

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on August 15, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Thomas Wright	31	M		Farmer	$1256
Mary J. Wright	24	F			
Mary F. Wright	8	F			
Joel N. C. Wright	6	M			
Phoebe J. Wright	3	F			
Solomon T. Wright	5/12	M			
Sally Richardson	52	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
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Virginia				

This record indicates that Thomas Anthony Wright was born in about 1819 and that Mary Jane (Richardson) Wright was born in about 1826.

The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed Thomas A. Wright as a party plaintiff:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit . . . .

- and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

On May 2, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, S.B. 1/87 a survey and division of the land of Thomas Anthony Wright and Jeremiah Wright:

"Surveyed & Divided agreeable to the annexed Plat for Thomas & Jeremeah Wright heirs of Thomas Richardson Deceased the Land is lying in Roanoke County on Back Creek a branch of Roanoke River

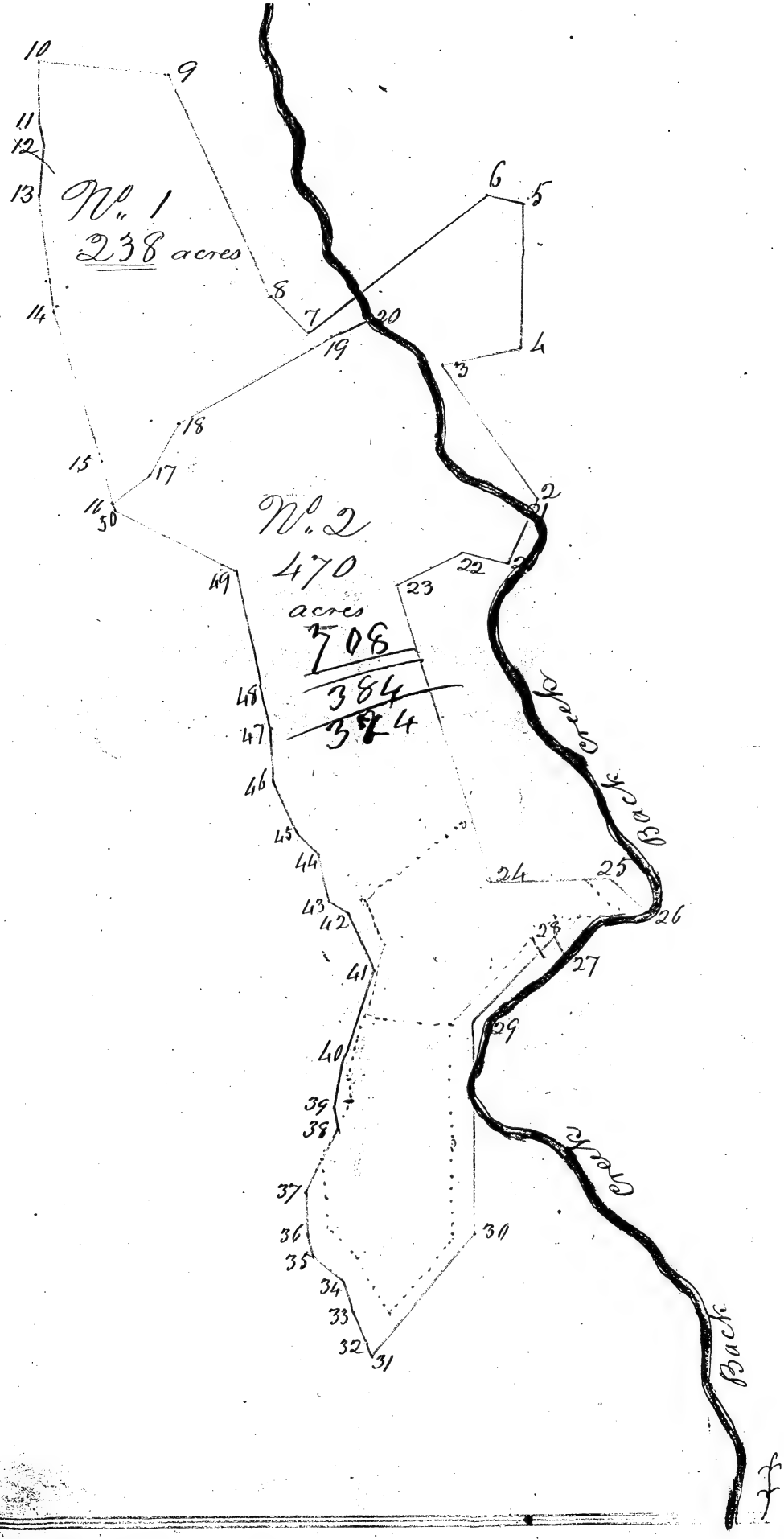
No. 1 Contains 238 Acres was laid off for Jeremiah Wright and is bounded as followeth Viz Beginning in the middle of the Creek at 1 Corner on a line of Miss Olivers Land and with the Same NS. 84 W. 5 poles to a black oak at 2 thence S 36 W 107 poles Crossing a branch to a Lage poplar & W. ok near the Creek at 3 thence N 31 W 56 poles to a pine & a Spanish oak at 4 Thence S 72 W. 90 poles crossing a branch to a white oak at 5 Corner to the land of John Gamnan at 8 (6?) thence with a line thereof S 4. E 25. poles to a white oak at 76 Corner to the Land of Richardson's heirs thence with the S 57 E 147 poles Crossing the Creek to a black oak & a hickory at 7 thence S 25 W 36 poles to a red oak at 8 thence S 45 W 160 poles to 2 White oaks & a pine at 9 on a ridge & up a ridge S. 14 E 84 poles to 2 white oaks at the Moravian road on the top of the blue Ridge at 10 thence along the Top of the blue ridge N 70 E 38 poles to 10 Thence Thence N 60 E 16 poles to 12 Thence N 75 E 31 poles to 13 Thence N 63 E. 78 poles to 14 Thence Thence N 53 E 100 poles to 15 Thence N 55 E 26 poles to near two Gums at 16 Corner to No. 2 Thence with the Same down the Mountain N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and a dead Spanish Oak at 17 Thence N 80 W. 37 poles to 2 black oaks at 18 Thence N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of a ridge at 19 Thence N 27 W 23 poles to a maple & a dogwood on the

bank of the Creek at 20 Thence Down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles to the beginning

No 2 Contains 470 acres was laid off for Thomas Wright and is bounded as followeth viz Beginning in the Middle of back creek corner to No 1 at 1 on olivers line S 84 E 44 poles to a large White oak at 22 Corner to the land of Richardsons heirs thence with the Same S 6-1/2 E 30 poles to three white oak at 23 Thence S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak at 23 Thence N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a spanish oak at 24 Thence N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a Rock at 25 Thence N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek at 26 Thence Down the Creek as it Meanders 66 poles to a large Rock at 27, Corner to the land of Robert Richardson Thence with the lines of the Same S 40 W 14 poles to a White oak at 28 Thence S 67 E 76 poles to a large Lynn at 29 Thence N 70 E 140 poles crossing the Creek twice and with the Land of Benjamine Richardson to a Double Chesnut at 30 Thence S 68 E 79: Through his field to a Stake on his line and on the Top of the Blue Ridge at 31 Thence along the Top of the Ridge as follows S 15 W 12 poles to 32 Thence S 50 W 20 poles to 33 thence S 53 W 21 poles to 34 Thence S 23 W 26 poles to 35 Thence S 58 W 14 poles to 36 Thence S 70 W 29 poles to 37 Thence N 83 W 45 poles to 38 Thence S 62 W 14 poles to 39 Thence S 80 W 34 poles to 40 Thence Due West 60 poles to 41 Thence S 45 W 41 poles to 42 Thence S 12 W 15 poles to 43 Thence S 57 W 30 poles to 44 Thence S 28 W 22 poles to 45 Thence S 48 W 36 poles to 46 Thence S 70 W 32 poles to 47 S 58 W 28 po to 48 Thence S 50 W. 79 poles to 49 Thence S 8 W 83 poles to a black oak at 50 Thence S 55 W 6 poles to near two Gums at 16 Corner to No 1 Thence with the lines thereof N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood & Dead spanish oak at 17 Thence N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks at 18 Thence N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the Top of a ridge at 19 Thence N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a Dogwood on the bank of the Creek at 20 Thence Down the Same as it Meanders 186 poles to the Beginning

Plat made off and) May 2nd 1851
delivered to Wright) Jno. Snyder SRC

Fee $10.25"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On August 26, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/310 and D.B. D/323 Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane Wright divided 708 acres of land with Jeremiah Wright:

"This Indenture Made this 26th day of August 1851 Between Jeremiah Wright and Mariah his wife of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other part Whereas the Said Jeremiah Whright are Seized in fee Simple of and have and as Joint Tenants of Equal Shares in a certain peice or parcel of land Containing by Survey Seven hundred and Eight Acres lying in the County of Roanoke on both Sids of Back Creek, And Whereas the Said Jeremiah Wright and Thomas Wright have Concluded to hold and enjoy their Respective parts of the Said tract or parcel of land in Severalty and have mutually agreed to make a partition of their Rights therein, So that Each may have, hold, and enjoy his share in Severalty, to him and his heirs and assigns forever and for that purpose have divided the aforesaid 708 acres of land into two Equal Moieties by running a division line thru the Said land, and it is hereby Covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to these presents that the aforesaid Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns Shall henceforth have, hold, possess & in Severalty the Moiety of the Said 708 acres of Land Which is Situated at the lower end of the Said tract of land & Contains 470 acres, is Bounded as followeth to wit Begining on the bank of the Creek on a line of Miss Oliver's Land thence with a line thereof S. 84 E 44 poles to a large White oak Corner to the land of Green Richardsons Lines, thence with the Same, S 6-1/2 E 30 poles to 3 White Oak - S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a Spanish Oak N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a Rock - N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek, thence down the Creek, as follows S 24 E 32 poles S 70 E 34 poles to a large Rock on the bank of the Creek and on the Northside Corner to the land of Robert Richardson S 40 W 14 poles to a White oak stump - S 67 E 76 poles to a large lynn - North 70 E 140 poles Crossing the Creek twice and with the Land of Benj. Richardson to a Double Chesnut S 68 E - S 68 E 71 poles through his field to a Stake on the Blue Ridge thence along the top thereof as follows, S 15 W. 12 poles - S 50 W. 20 poles, S 53 W. 21 poles - S 23 W 26 poles S 58 W 14 poles S 70 W. 29 poles N 53 W. 45 poles - S 62 W. 14 poles - S 80 W. 34 poles - Due West 60 poles S 45 W 41 poles - S 12 W. 15 po. S 57 W 30 poles S 25 W 22 poles - S 48 W 36 poles, S 70 W 32 poles S 58 W 28 poles S 51 W 77 poles S 8 W 83 poles to a black oak, thence S 55 W 6 poles to near 2 ____ (at 15, Corner ____) thence with the Same N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and black Spanish oak - N 80 W 37 poles to two Black oaks - N 51½ W 13 poles to a Black oak on the top of a Ridge N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and Dogwood on the bank of the Creek Thence down the Creek as it Meanders 186 poles to the Beginning Now in Consideration of the foregoing premises and of the further Consideration of one dollar in hand paid to them, the Said Jeremiah Wright and Mariah his wife by the Said Thomas Wright, the Reciept whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained Sold and Conferred by these Presents unto the Said Thomas

Wright his heirs and assigns forever And the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his wife do by these Presents for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant with the said Thomas Wright his heirs & assigns that he Shall and may from henceforth forever peacably, and quietly, have, hold, Use, ocupy, Possess, and enjoy the Said Land, together with all the buildings and other Improvements thereon free, and discharged of all Right and title, Interest, Claim, or demand Whatsoever of the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his Wife or Either of them or of their heirs, or Assigns, or of any Person or persons Claiming by, from, or under them. In Witness Whereof the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his wife, have hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals, the day and first herein Written

Jeremiah Wright
Mariah Wright

Roanoke County to wit, I, William McDermed a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do Certify that Jerimiah Wright whose name is Signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 26th day of August 1851, has acknowledged the Same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand and Seal this 5th day of September 1751

Wm McDermed

Roanoke County to wit We George P. Taylor and William McDermed Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Do Certify that Mariah Wright, Wife of the Said Jerimiah Wright whose Names are Signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 28th day of August 1851, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Mariah Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act, and declared that She had willingly Executed the same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands and Seals this 5 day of Sep, 1851

Geo: P. Taylor
Wm McDermed

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 30' day of October 1851 This deed from Jeremiah Wright & wife to Thomas Wright was delivered to me, and togehter with the Certificate thereon written, admitted to Record,

Test
F Johnston C"

"This Indenture Made this 26th day of August 1851 Between Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife of the one part, and Jerimiah Wright of the Other part, Whereas the said Thomas Wright and the Said Jerimiah Wright are seized in fee simple of, and have and as Joint Tenants of Equal Shares in a Certain piece or parcel of land Containing by Survey Seven hundred and Eight acres lying in the County of Roanoke on both sides of Back Creek; And Whereas the Said Thomas Wright and Jerimiah Wright have concluded to hold and enjoy their respective parts of the said tract or parcel of land in severally, & have mutually agreed to make a partition of of their rights therein, so that Each may have, hold, and enjoy his share in Severalty to him and his heirs and assigns forever: and for that purpose have divided the aforesaid 708 acres of land into two Equal Moieties by running a division line through the said land. And it is hereby Covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to these presents that the aforesaid Jerimiah Wright his heirs and assigns, Shall henceforth have hold, possess & enjoy in severalty the moiety of the said 708 acres of land, Which is situated at the upper end of the Said tract of land, and Contains 238 acres & is Bounded as followeth to wit: Begining at two black Oaks on a hill side on the North Side of Creek, Corner to the Land of Miss Oliver's thence with the Same S 36 W 107 poles to a poplar and a White oak N 31 W 56 poles to 2 pines and a Spanish Oak S 72 W 92 poles Crossing a branch to a post oak Corner to Garner's land S 6 E 25 poles to a White Oak Corner to the land of Wm Richardson Decd. and the lines thereof S 57 E 147 poles Crossing the Creek and up a branch to a black oak & hickery S 25 W 36 poles to a Red oak S 45 W 160 poles to 2 White oaks and a pine on a Ridge S 14, E 84 poles to 2 White oaks on the Top of the blue Ridge, by the Movarion Road thence a long the top thereof with the land of Edmund Richardson N 71 E 38 poles - N 60 E 16 poles - N 75 E 81 - N 63 E 78 poles N 53, E 106 - N 55, E 26 poles to near 2 Gums Corner Thomas Wright division (No 2) thence with the Same N 55 W. 30 poles to a Dogwood, and a Dead Spanish Oak N 80 W 37 poles to 2 black oaks - N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black Oak on the top of a Ridge - N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a Dogwood on the bank of the Creek, thence down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles N 84, W 5 poles to the Begining Now in Consideration of the forgoing premises and of the further Consideration of one dollar in hand paid to these the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife by the said Jerimiah Wright the Receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, and Confirmed by these presents unto the Said Jeremiah Wright his heirs and assigns the foregoing Described Land & premises, to have and to hold the Same with all the priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Jerimiah Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife do by these presents for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant With Said Jerimiah Wright his heirs & Assigns that he Shall and may from henceforth forever peacably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the Said land together with all the buildings and other improvements thereon, free and discharged of all right & title

Interest, Claim, or demand Whatsoever of the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife or Either of them, or of their heirs or assigns, or of any person or persons Claiming by, from, or under them. In Witness Whereof the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife, have thereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals the day and year first hereon Written

Thomas A. Wright
Mary Jane Wright

Roanoke County (to wit) I, William Mcdermed a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do Certify that Thomas Wright, Whose Name is Signed to the wrighting above bearing date on the 26 day of August 1851 has acknowledg'd the Same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand and Seal this 5 day of September 1851

Wm McDermed

Roanoke County (to wit) We George P. Taylor and William McDermed Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do Certify that Mary Jane Wright wife of Thomas Wright Whose Names are signed to the Writing above bearing date on the 26th day of August 1851 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid & being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the Writing aforesaid fully Explained to her, She the Said Mary Jane Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act and declared that She had willingly Executed the Same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hand and Seals this 5th day of September 1851

Geo P. Taylor JP
Wm McDermed JP.

In the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court the 17 day of November 1851 This Deed from Thomas Wright to Jeremiah Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificates thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
F. Johnston C."

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Thomas Anthony Wright joined the other heirs of Solomon Wright to sell 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright

Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

Phebe Wright
Thomas A Wright
Jeremiah Wright
Saml H Claytor
Solomon M Wright
Eliza Claytor
Jubal J Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright, Thos A Wright Jeremiah Wright Samuel A Claytor Solomon M Wright & Jubal J Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of December 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1854

Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The birth record of Hester A. A. Wright, daughter of Thomas A. and Mary Jane Wright, was dated on June 30, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Hester A A Wright
Date of Birth:	June 30, 1855
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Roanoke Co
Father's Name:	Thos A. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Roanoke
Mother's Name:	Mary Jane Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Tho A Wright
Relationship:	father"

On September 10, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/423 Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane Wright and Sarah Richardson sold 470 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This Deed Made this 10th day of September 1855 between Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife and Sarah Richardson, Widow of Thomas Richardson

deceased, of the first part, and Joel M. Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of Two Thousand dollars the said Thomas A Wright and Mary Jane his wife and Sarah Richardson do grant, with general Warranty, unto the said Joel M Wright a certain tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Roanoke, on both sides of Back Creek, Containing 470 acres, be the Same More or less, and bounded as follows - Beginning on the bank of the Creek on a line of Miss Oliver's Land, thence with a line thereof S 84 E 44 poles to a large white oak, corner to the land of Green Richardson's Hous, thence with the Same S 6-1/4 E 30 poles to three white oaks, S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a Spanish oak, N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a rock, N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek, thence down the Creek as follows - S 24 E 32 poles S 70 E 34 poles to a large rock on the bank of the creek and on the north side corner to the land of Robert Richardson S 40 W 14 poles to a white oak stump, N 67 E 76 poles to a large lynn North 70 E 140 poles crossing the Creek twice, and with the land of Benjamin Richardson to a double chesnut S 18 E 79 poles through his field to a stake on the Blue Ridge, thence along the top thereof as follows - S 15 W 12 poles S 50 W 20 poles S 53 W 31 poles S 23 W 26 poles, S 58 W 14 poles, S 70 W 29 poles, N 83 W 45 poles, S 62 W 14 poles S 80 W 34 poles, Due west 60 poles, S 45 W 41 poles, S 12 W 15 poles, S 57 W 30 poles, S 28 W 22 poles, S 48 W 36 poles S 70 W 32 poles, S 58 W 28 poles S 50 W 79 poles S 8 W 89 poles to a black oak, thence S 55 W 6 poles to near two gums (at 15) corner to No 1, thence with the same N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and dead spanish oak N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of the ridge, N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and dogwood on the bank of the Creek, thence down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles to the Beginning

It being the Same Tract or parcel of Land which was conveyed to the said Thomas A Wright by Jeremiah Wright & Maria his Wife as the portion of the land of Thomas Richardson deceased which fell to the said Thomas A. Wright in a division thereof made on the 26" day of August 1851 as appears by Deed of that date on record in the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court. And the above named Sarah Richardson, widow of Thomas Richardson deceased, having an undivided Dower Estate in said Land, she is made a party to this conveyance and does hereby release and relinquish to the said Joel M. Wright all her Dower Estate and interest in the property hereby conveyed.

And the Sum of one Thousand Dollars, part of the purchase money aforesaid being unpaid, due and payable on the first day of September 1856, a lien is reserved in favour of the said Thomas A. Wright on the property herein conveyed for such unpaid purchase money

Witness the following signatures and seals

Thomas A. Wright
Mary Jane Wright
Sarah Richardson

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I Wm B Preston a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke in the State of Virginia, do Certify that Thomas A. Wright and Sarah Richardson, parties to the annexed writing dated the 10th day of Sept 1855 has acknowledged the said writing before me in our Said County. Given under my hand this __ day of September 1855

Wm B Preston JP

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

We E. G. McClanahan and Wm B Preston Justices of the peace in the County of Roanoke, and state of Virginia, do Certify that Mary Jane Wright, wife of Thomas A Wright, parties to the annexed writing dated the 10th day of September 1855, personally appeared before us in our said County, and having been examined by us privily and apart from her said husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her she acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under our hand this 10th day of September 1855

E. G. McClanahan JP
Wm B Preston JP

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 19th day of November 1855 This Deed from Thomas A. Wright and others to Joel M. Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate thereon written admitted To Record

Teste S. ____ Cl"

ii. Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant, Her Husband Jesse G. Bondurant, And Her Descendants

Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant was a daughter of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Martha Ann as a daughter:

> ". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the second oldest female in the Phoebe Wright household as aged 15 to 20 years, indicating a date of birth between 1820 and 1825.

The marriage bond of Martha Ann Wright, daughter of Pheba, and Jesse G. Bondurant was dated on December 11, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Joel M. Wright as surety:

> "Bedford County December 11th 1843
>
> Mr J. G Bundrant will apply to the Clerk of Bedford County for License to marry my daughter Martha An Wright I hereby certify that she is over twenty one years of age and that their marriage meets my entire approbation - Given under my hand the date above written.
>
> Witness Pheba Wright
> Joel M Wright
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> ---
>
> Know all men by these presents, That we Jesse G. Bundurant and Joel M. Wright are held and firmly bound unto Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c. Sealed and dated this, 11" day of December 1843.
>
> The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann Wright Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to

obstruct said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness, J G Bundurant
Ro. C. Mitchell Joel M Wright"

1850 Bedford County, Va, Census by Marvin U. Neighbors listed Jesse Bundrant with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation
Jesse Bundrant	29	Carpenter
Martha A. Bundrant	29	
Ann V Bundrant	6	
Henry C. Bundrant	5	
Jubel J. Bundrant	2	

This record indicates that Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant and Jesse G. Bondurant were born in about 1821.

The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed Martha Ann, the wife of Jesse G. Bondurant, as a party plaintiff:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting
>
> Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - .. . . Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, ... that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit . . . .
>
> - and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

On August 23, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/561 Jesse G. Bondurant, as commissioner, sold certain interests in the land of Phebe Wright to Joel M. Wright:

"This Deed made this the 23rd day of August 1852 between Jesse G. Bundurant Commissioner in suit of Wright agst. Bundurant &c. of the one part and Joel M. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that whereas the said Bundurant was appointed Commissioner in the suit of Wright against Bundurant &c. by the County Court of Bedford County, to sell the interest of Ann Virginia, Henry Clay, Jubal, James and Martha James Bundurant in the land of Phebe Wright being the same land named in said decree, appointing said Bundurant Commissioner, and whereas in pursuance of said decree, said Bondurant as Commissioner has sold the interest of said named parties in said land to Joel M. Wright. Now this deed Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of eighty five dollars and fifty five cents in hand paid to the said Bondurant by the said Wright, the said Bondurant as Commissioner aforesaid doth give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Wright the interest of said parties in said land aforesaid and the said Bondurant acting as Commissioner conveys such title only as is contained in the decree aforesaid. Witness the following signature and seal.

J. G. Bondurant

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of August 1852.

This deed was produced in Court, acknowledged by Jesse G. Bondurant a party thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur Clk."

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Martha Ann (Wright) Bondurant joined the other heirs of Solomon Wright to sell 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth

of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

Phebe Wright
Thomas A Wright
Jeremiah Wright
Saml H Claytor
Solomon M Wright
Eliza Claytor
Jubal J Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright, Thos A Wright Jeremiah Wright Samuel A Claytor Solomon M Wright & Jubal J Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of December 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1854

Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

In her email dated May 16, 1998, Kathie ____ stated that Jesse G. Bondurant was born in 1820, married second Elizabeth Latham, and died in 1896 at Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee.

iii. 1888 Joel Mayse Wright Of Clinton County, Missouri, His Wife Martha Esther (Nance) Wright, And His Descendants

1888 Joel Mayse Wright of Clinton County, Missouri, was a son of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Joel Mayse Wright as one of his children:

". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the second oldest male in the Phoebe Wright household as aged between 15 to 20 years, indicating a date of birth between 1820 and 1825.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M Wright with the following household on May 18:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
May 18	Joel M Wright	1		1	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts
Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts			

This record indicates that Joel M. Wright was born before May 18, 1827.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Wright with the following household on May 23:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	Joel M. Wright	1		1	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit
		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents		
		4.45		

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel M. Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel M Wright	1	1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.42

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel M Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches
				1	

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.10

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel M. Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.10

The marriage bond of Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Nance, daughter of John deceased, was dated on August 27, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Thorp H. Nance and Edwin T. Nance as sureties:

"the Clerk is herby authorised to grant lisince to Mr Joel M Wright to Marry Martha C Nance as given under my hand & Seal this the 27 day of August 1849

Thorp H Nance Edwin T Nance Grd"

Know all men by these presents, That we, Joel M Wright and Thorp H Nance are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 27 day of August 1849.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Joel M Wright and Martha E Nance daughter of John Nance Decd Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. Joel M Wright
in presence of Thorp H. Nance"

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joel M. Wright	1				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physi-cians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
		.45

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Right with the following household on November 6, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel M. Right	28	M		Constable	
Martha Right	17	F			
Jubal Right	20	M		Labr	
Richard Bondurant	15	M			
Phebe Right	50	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Joel Mayse Wright was born in about 1822 and that Martha E. (Nance) Wright was born about 1833.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel M. Right a second time with the following household on November 20, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel Right	28	M			
Martha E. Right	16	F			
Adolphus Right	3½	M			
Jubal Right	20	M		Labr	

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
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The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed Joel Mayse Wright as a party plaintiff:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit . . . .

- and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

In October 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/428 Joel M. Wright was appointed a constable in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of militia:

"The Court doth appoint Joel M. Wright Constable to act in the 1st Battallion and 10th Regiment of Virginia Militia in this County, until the next June term of this Court, and thereupon the said Joel M. Wright together with Silas Dearing, James M. Matthews & Williamson Bennett his securities entered into and acknowledged bond according to law."

On October 28, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/266 Joel M. Wright filed his bond to be constable of Bedford County:

"Know all men by these presents that we Joel M Wright, Silas Dearing James M Matthews & Williamson Burrett are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of three thousand dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 28 day of October 1850. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Joel M Wright constable in the 1st Battalion & 10 regiment of Virginia Militia shall faithfully discharge the duties of

his office according to law then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue

J. M Wright
Silas Dearing
J. M. Matthews
Williamson Burrett

At a Court held for Bedford County October 28 1850

This bond was acknowledged in court by the several obligors thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe C.B.C."

In June 1851 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/541 Joel M. Wright was elected constable for the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment of militia:

"The Court proceeded to elect Constables for this County until the June term of this Court 1853, and proceeded to vote viva voce when the following was the result.

. . . .

For the 1st Battallion and 10" Regiment of Virginia Militia in this County William H. Preces and Joel M. Wright received a majority of the Justices present and declared duly elected.

. . . .

And thereupon the Court doth fix the penalty of the constables bonds in this County at three thousand dollars each, and the several persons elected as above severally executed bonds & security in the penalty aforesaid, which bonds were acknowledged by the several obligors thereto in open Court, and the same are ordered to be recorded and the persons elected as aforesaid took the several oaths prescribed by law."

On June 23, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/322, Joel M. Wright filed his surety bond to be Constable for Bedford County:

"Know all men by these presents, that we, Joel M Wright, Thaddeus C Nance and Silas Dearing are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of three thousahd dollars current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed and dated

this 23d day of June 1851. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Joel M Wright constable in the first Battalion and tenth Regiment of Virginia Militia shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office according to law, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue

Joel M Wright
Thaddeus C Nance
Silas Dearing

At a Court held for Bedford County June 23d 1851

This bond was acknowledged in court by the several obligors thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On August 23, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/561 Jesse G. Bondurant, as commissioner, sold certain interests in the land of Phebe Wright to Joel M. Wright:

"This Deed made this the 23rd day of August 1852 between Jesse G. Bundurant Commissioner in suit of Wright agst. Bundurant &c. of the one part and Joel M. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that whereas the said Bundurant was appointed Commissioner in the suit of Wright against Bundurant &c. by the County Court of Bedford County, to sell the interest of Ann Virginia, Henry Clay, Jubal, James and Martha James Bundurant in the land of Phebe Wright being the same land named in said decree, appointing said Bundurant Commissioner, and whereas in pursuance of said decree, said Bondurant as Commissioner has sold the interest of said named parties in said land to Joel M. Wright. Now this deed Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of eighty five dollars and fifty five cents in hand paid to the said Bondurant by the said Wright, the said Bondurant as Commissioner aforesaid doth give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Wright the interest of said parties in said land aforesaid and the said Bondurant acting as Commissioner conveys such title only as is contained in the decree aforesaid. Witness the following signature and seal.

J. G. Bondurant

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of August 1852.

This deed was produced in Court, acknowledged by Jesse G. Bondurant a party thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur Clk."

On April 6, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/144 Jesse G. Bondurant and Catharine Bondurant sold 70 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 6th day of April in the year eighteen hundred and fifty three by and between Jesse G Bundurant and Catharine his Wife of the County of Roanoke, State of Virginia party of the first part and Joel M Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid party of the Second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for & in consideration of the Sum of Six hundred and twelve dollars to them in hand paid by the said party of the Second part, the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents bargain sell & convey unto the said party of the Second part and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following described tract or parcel of land in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Situated on the South West Side of Beaver Dam Creek and adjoining the lands of William Anderson, Anthony P Wright and others and bounded as follows to Wit Beginning at a pine tree and running thence S 83 E 133 poles to a White Oak thence N 84-3/4 E 38 poles to a beach tree on the Creek, thence S 47-1/2 W 158 poles to a Stake in the road on Mrs Richardsons line thence N 49 W 74 poles to a pine, thence N 12-1/2 W 115 poles to the beginning Containing Seventy acres More or less, To have and to hold the same to the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever and the said party of the first part Covenants to Warrant and defend the land above Conveyed against the lawful claims of all persons claiming from Said party of the first part or their heirs. In Testimony Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereto set their hand and seals the day and year first above Written

J G Bundurant
Cathrine Bundurant

In the Clerks office of Roanoke County Court the 6th day of April 1853, This deed from J G Bondurant & Wife to Joel M Wright Was produced in the Said office & acknowledged by the said J G Bondurant. At the same time and place Catharine Bondurant Wife of J G Bondurant parties to the annexed deed bearing date on the 6th day of April 1853 appeared personally in the said office, and being examined by me, privily and apart from her said husband and having the said deed fully explained to her She acknowledged the said deed to be her act and deed and declared that she had Willingly executed the Same and does not

Wish to retract it: and htereupon the Said acknowledgment are Certified to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, that the Said deed may be then recorded

Teste
F Johnston Clerk

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 6th day of May 1853

This Deed from Jesse G Bondurant & Catharine Bondurant his Wife to Joel M Wright Conveying real estate Was produced in the office together With the Certificates thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

The birth record of Jubal A. Wright was dated in June 1854 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Jubal A.(?) Wright
Date of Birth:	June 1854
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	Jubal J. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Martha E. Wright"

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 the heirs of 1831 Solomon Wright sold 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an

elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

Phebe Wright
Thomas A Wright
Jeremiah Wright
Saml H Claytor
Solomon M Wright
Eliza Claytor
Jubal J Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright, Thos A Wright Jeremiah Wright Samuel A Claytor Solomon M Wright & Jubal J Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of December 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1854

Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On or about January 31, 1855, John Q. A. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 679, against Joel M. Wright for profits due from a partnership for peddling merchandise. A copy of the complaint was not among the papers in the file, but the gist of the complaint can be determined from tne answer of Joel M. Wright filed on April 4, 1855:

"To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting the answer of Joel M. Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited in this Court against him by a certain John Q. A. Wright - now and at all times saving to himself the benefit of all proper exception to the same for answer saith - that he admits that in the year 1849 he entered into a copartnership with the plaintiff under the style of John Q A and Joel M Wright for the purpose of pedling goods - that the said plaintiff was to furnish goods for the purpose - that this respondent was to peddle them -that they were to divide the profits after paying expenses -that the partnership was to continue for one year - and that the capital put in by the plaintiff was to be repaid him - having regard however to all losses and casualties of every kind - this respondent being expected of course to act with proper prudence in the business and in the sales of the goods. That this respondent was not restricted business to the Counties of Bedford and Roanoke as stated in the bill. That in pursuance of the agreement the plaintiff did furnish goods during part of the year to the amount of near $900 - perhaps a little over, but less than $1000: as he has not the bills of goods now before him - that the said goods were placed in trunks and locked and the keys kept in possession of this respondent - that he did peddle the said goods and sell such as were saleable there being many that were of an old stack that were unsalable - though the plaintiff agreed to furnish such goods as would pay a profit. That the amount of goods sold or the value thereof was above $900 which was the full value of so many as were disposed of. That the balance that could not be sold were brought back to the office of the plaintiff where they were left in the trunks til such time as an inventory could be taken of them so as to be fully accounted for in a settlement to be made thereafter with the plaintiff that said trunks were in fact in the keeping of the plaintiff though this respondent held the keys thereof and the said trunks and goods were placed there with the consent of the plaintiff he

being present and assenting to that disposition of them: the office aforesaid was near the store when the said plaintiff had just before been selling goods but having quit the business he moved his books &c just across the road to the office aforesaid where the plaintiff transacted all the business connected with his late mercantile affairs. Said goods were most of them not very saleable an old stock that the plaintiff had had on hand in his store for several years and had passed in all probability from one concern to another for many years as the firms changed at the place (Pea Town) from time to time. These goods and all others had been priced by the said plaintiff who was an experienced merchant of some years while this respondent had no knowledge whatever (acquired in that way) of the value of goods. He had supposed the plaintiff would of course deal fairly with him, but he is fully satisfied that the goods were priced so high that it was impossible to make much profit and a portion of them he was compelled to sell at cost or less particularly of the old stock.

That the goods in the trunks aforesaid were many of them taken out of the trunks by the said John Q A Wright in the absence of this respondent and sold by him - many of them. The trunks having either been broken open by the plaintiff or otherwise entered and upon this respondents going to the office and seeing the condition of the trunks and goods the said plaintiff said he would account for them. The stack of goods in the trunks was worth about $300 and this respondent is very confidant it was worth that sum from the estimates he made, but of which he has not a memorandum with him at this time but he thinks he has such a one at home. So it is the said John Q A. Wright has had the entire benefit of said surplus stock of goods which though of the value aforesaid was too small a stock to peddle with. This respondent in consequence of having no sufficient stock of goods to peddle with was compelled to return home about the middle of August and so lost the entire year almost (except when he was employed in pedling) from all other business that culd pay any profit to him for that year.

This respondent says that he has paid the said John Q A. Wright in cash on account of the said concern or in articles equivalent to it the sum of about $790 or upwards a list of which payments he here files. That the said Wright the plaintiff is properly accountable for the price of the trunks and goods as aforesaid of $300. That besides this he this expenditure paid expenses (which had to be taken off before any profit was divisable) the sum of $127.05 as will be seen by an a/c filed and that also there was or are now $42.34 of bad debts which were made in making some credit sales & against which this respondent could not guard if he sold at all in that way.

This respondent insists that the business was unprofitable - that he realised no profit from it but was a loser and if good conscience is to govern in this case the said plaintiff should pay to this respondent a fair value for his services - and that

he has over paid the said plaintiff what he is fairly entitled to. That the said plaintiff was not only bound to furnish the goods, but the capital was composed in part of a carry all and horse - that the said plaintiff was bound to furnish these things but only furnished the carryall. This respondent agreeing to furnish a horse as he did - the carryall has been retained by the said plaintiff since the business closed as his own property and therefore no charge for true is proper to be made against the said defendant

Now having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs by him about his defence expended denying all fraud

Joel M. Wright

Bedford Co to Wit

This day Joel M Wright made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said Co that he believes the foregoing answer to be true given under my hand 11th April 1855

Jesse Jeter J.P."

On April 7, 1855, in File 679 the court ordered an accounting for the partnership accounts:

"At a circuit court held for Bedford County the 7 day of April 1855

John Q. A. Wright Pltf
against
Joel M. Wright Deft

In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, exhibits, answer of the defendant replication thereto, and was argued by counsel - on consideration whereof; the court doth adjudge, order, and decree that one of the commissioners of this court do take an account of the partnership transactions between the plaintiff and the defendant and state and settle and report the same to this court with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or required by either of the parties to be so stated - and in the settlement of the said accounts liberty is reserved to either of the parties to file interrogatories to the other, touching the settlement of said account; which shall be answered on oath or solemn affirmation

A copy - Teste R. D Buford Clk"

In File 679 depositions of Samuel H. Claytor, Jubal J. Wright, William M. Worley, and James O. Wright were taken on August 1, 1855, and the deposition of William B. Jones was taken on August 8, 1855.

On September 10, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/423 Joel M. Wright purchased 470 acres of land from Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane Wright and Sarah Richardson:

> "This Deed Made this 10th day of September 1855 between Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife and Sarah Richardson, Widow of Thomas Richardson deceased, of the first part, and Joel M. Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of Two Thousand dollars the said Thomas A Wright and Mary Jane his wife and Sarah Richardson do grant, with general Warranty, unto the said Joel M Wright a certain tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Roanoke, on both sides of Back Creek, Containing 470 acres, be the Same More or less, and bounded as follows - Beginning on the bank of the Creek on a line of Miss Oliver's Land, thence with a line thereof S 84 E 44 poles to a large white oak, corner to the land of Green Richardson's Hous, thence with the Same S 6-1/4 E 30 poles to three white oaks, S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a Spanish oak, N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a rock, N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek, thence down the Creek as follows - S 24 E 32 poles S 70 E 34 poles to a large rock on the bank of the creek and on the north side corner to the land of Robert Richardson S 40 W 14 poles to a white oak stump, N 67 E 76 poles to a large lynn North 70 E 140 poles crossing the Creek twice, and with the land of Benjamin Richardson to a double chesnut S 18 E 79 poles through his field to a stake on the Blue Ridge, thence along the top thereof as follows - S 15 W 12 poles S 50 W 20 poles S 53 W 31 poles S 23 W 26 poles, S 58 W 14 poles, S 70 W 29 poles, N 83 W 45 poles, S 62 W 14 poles S 80 W 34 poles, Due west 60 poles, S 45 W 41 poles, S 12 W 15 poles, S 57 W 30 poles, S 28 W 22 poles, S 48 W 36 poles S 70 W 32 poles, S 58 W 28 poles S 50 W 79 poles S 8 W 89 poles to a black oak, thence S 55 W 6 poles to near two gums (at 15) corner to No 1, thence with the same N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and dead spanish oak N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of the ridge, N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and dogwood on the bank of the Creek, thence down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles to the Beginning
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> It being the Same Tract or parcel of Land which was conveyed to the said Thomas A Wright by Jeremiah Wright & Maria his Wife as the portion of the land of Thomas Richardson deceased which fell to the said Thomas A. Wright in a division thereof made on the 26" day of August 1851 as appears by Deed of that date on record in the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court. And the above named Sarah Richardson, widow of Thomas Richardson deceased, having an

undivided Dower Estate in said Land, she is made a party to this conveyance and does hereby release and relinquish to the said Joel M. Wright all her Dower Estate and interest in the property hereby conveyed.

And the Sum of one Thousand Dollars, part of the purchase money aforesaid being unpaid, due and payable on the first day of September 1856, a lien is reserved in favour of the said Thomas A. Wright on the property herein conveyed for such unpaid purchase money

Witness the following signatures and seals

Thomas A. Wright
Mary Jane Wright
Sarah Richardson

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I Wm B Preston a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke in the State of Virginia, do Certify that Thomas A. Wright and Sarah Richardson, parties to the annexed writing dated the 10th day of Sept 1855 has acknowledged the said writing before me in our Said County. Given under my hand this __ day of September 1855

Wm B Preston JP

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

We E. G. McClanahan and Wm B Preston Justices of the peace in the County of Roanoke, and state of Virginia, do Certify that Mary Jane Wright, wife of Thomas A Wright, parties to the annexed writing dated the 10th day of September 1855, personally appeared before us in our said County, and having been examined by us privily and apart from her said husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her she acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under our hand this 10th day of September 1855

E. G. McClanahan JP
Wm B Preston JP

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 19th day of November 1855 This Deed from Thomas A. Wright and others to Joel M. Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate thereon written admitted To Record

Teste S. ____ Cl"

On September 10, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/425 Joel M. Wright purchased 238 acres of land from Jeremiah and Maria Wright and Sarah Richardson:

"This Deed Made this 10th day of September in the year 1855, between Jeremiah Wright and Maria Wright his wife and Sarah Richardson, widow of Thomas Richardson deceased, of the first part, and Joel M. Wright of the second part. Witnesseth, that in Consideration of two Thousand three hundred and Eighty dollars, the said Jeremiah Wright and Maria his wife, and Sarah Richardson do grant, with general Warranty, unto the said Joel M. Wright, a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the waters of Back Creek in Roanoke County, Containing 238 Acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows - "Beginning at two black oaks on a hill side on the north side of the Creek, corner to the land of Miss(?) Oliver's, thence with the Same S 36 W 107 poles to a polar and a White oak N 31 W 56 poles to two pines and a Spanish Oak, S 72 W 92 poles crossing a branch to a post oak Corner to Gamans land S 6 E 25 poles to a white oak corner to the land of William Richardson deceased and the lines thereof S 57 E 147 poles crossing the Creek and up a branch to a black oak and hickory S 25 W 36 poles to a red oak S 45 W 160 poles to 2 white oaks and a pine on a Ridge. S 14 E 84(?) poles to 2 white oaks on the top of the Blue Ridge, by the Moravian Road, thence along the top thereof with the land of ____ Edmund Richardson N 70 E 88 poles N 60 E 16 poles N 75 E 31 poles N 63 E 78 poles N 53 E 100 poles N 35 E 26 poles to near two gums corner to Thomas Wright's division (No 2) thence with the same N 55 W 30(?) poles to a Dogwood, and a dead Spanish oak N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of the Ridge, N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a dogwood on the bank of the creek, thence down the creek as it meanders 186 poles, N 84 W 5 poles to the Beginning" - it being the Same Tract or parcel of Land which was conveyed to the said Jeremiah Wright by Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane his Wife, as the portion of the land of Thomas Richardson deceased which fell to the Said Jeremiah Wright in a division thereof made on the 26" day of August 1850 as appears by deed of that date on record in the Clerks office of Roanoke County Court. And the above named Sarah Richardson widow of the said Thomas Richardson deceased having an undivided Dower Estate in Said Land she is made a party to the conveyance, and she does hereby release and relinquish to the said Joel M. Wright all her Dower Estate and interest in the property thereby conveyed. And the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and Eighty dollars, part of the purchase money aforesaid being unpaid, due and payable on the first day of September 1856(?) a

lien is reserved in favour of the said Jeremiah Wright on the property herein conveyed, for such unpaid purchase money

Witness the following signatures and seals

Jeremiah Wright
Maria Wright
Sarah Richardson

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I, Wm B. Preston a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do Certify that Jeremiah Wright and Sarah Richardson parties to the Writing above dated the 10" day of September 1855 have Acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 11" day of September 1858

Wm B. Preston J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

We E. G. McClanahan and Wm B Preston Justices of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do Certify that Maria Wright, wife of Jeremiah Wright parties to the writing above dated the 10" day of September 1855 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being by us examined privily and apart from her said husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her, she Acknowledged the said writing to to be her act, and declared that she had Willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under our hand this 10" day of Sept 1855

E G McClanahan J.P.
Wm B Preston J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 19th day of November 1855 This Deed from Jeremiah Wright and others to Joel M. Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate therein written admitted to Record

Teste
S. Ward (?) _Ck"

On March 8, 1856, in File 679 James W. Garner gave his deposition regarding the dispute:

"The Deposition of James W. Garner of Lawful age taken agreeable to the notice at the Store House of Radford (?) A. Leal (?) & Co in the County of Bedford on the 8th day of March 1856 to be read as evidence in a Suit pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in which John Q. A. Wright plaintiff and Joel M. Wright is defendant

Question by Plaintiff What is your occupation

Answer. Tailor by Trade

Question by the same, where did you work in the year 1849, and was you intimately acquainted with the Mercantile business carried on by John Q. A. Wright at Pea Town.

Answer I worked in a shop across the road nearly opposite the Store House, and was intimately acquainted with said J Q A Wrights Mercantile business

Question by Same. From the idea you have of the goods furnished Joel M Wright in the year 1849, do you think the bill of $857.31 an extravagant bill nor not, Answer

From what I saw I should not think the bill extravagant

Question by Same. From the report of the Defendant, was he making money or not Answer that was my understanding

Question by Defendant. Do you think yourself a competant Judge of the Mercantile business

Answer I do

Question by Defendant. What was the stock of Goods held by John Q. A Wright at the time the above bill was made.

Answer. To the best of my recollection it was a tollerable fair stock

Question by Defendant. Was not there a tollerable large stock of the goods on hand at that time. Answer there was

Question by Defendant. Do you of your own Knowledge Know the Amount of any one bill furnished Defendant.

Answer. I do not

Question by Defendant Who was John Q. A. Wrights Clerk at the time the above goods was furnished Answer William B. Jones I believe

Question by Defendant. Was it not the business of said clerk to Keep up said books

Answer Certainly.

Question by Plaintiff. Was not the plaintiff in the habit of aiding said Jones in Keeping the books of said concern. Answer

Subscribed to ____

Question by the plaintiff was not James O Wright & John Q A Wright in the habit of ____ & pricing up the goods sold at said Wrights store

Ans. I think they ware

Bedford County to Wit

James W. Garner Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and was duly sworn to the above deposition as the law directs Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1836

A. Kasey J.P."

In about April 1856 in File 679 the commissioner then filed the following report:

"In 1849 John Q. A Wright and Joel M Wright form a copartnership to sell goods as pedlars. John Q. A, was to furnish the goods and Joel M to sell and after the payments of expenses, they to be equal parters in the profits or loss - John Q. A. is to refunded the value of goods furnished the concern in the first place.

The defendant says in his answer that it was an unprofitable speculation and filed what he says is a list of sales, amounting to $900 (paper marked S) But from the depositions of L. H Clayton and Wm B Jones it would seem that he admitted that it was a profitable speculation. It is supposed that as he has rendered no full. of his transactions, that it must charged with the amount of goods furnished by John Q. A. Wright, and credited, by said sums as he has paid

As there is some doubt whether this view is correct I have made alternate statements

Amount Bill of goods furnishing by John Q. A. Wright			$1121.62
deduct paid by Joel M Wright viz.			
1849 Feby 26 By Cash		20	
" Apl 23 " "		60	
" May 7 " "		39	
" " 22 " "		20	
" June 14 " "		59	
" " 25 " "		25	
" July 14 " "		20	
" Aug 27 " "		45	
" Oct 13 " "		33	
1850 Jany 12		85	
1849 Dec 3		32.20	
1850 Feb 25		11.05	
" March 21		23.22	
" Apl 9 - Bond		119.31	
" " amt a/c		28.00	
Cash		25	724.77
Bal.			396.85
Debt goods returned		52.21	
Carry all returned		50.00	
goods in trunks returned	_____	115.51	217.78
Bal - due J. Q. A. Wright			179.07"

On August 26, 1856, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/608, Cynthia A. Flaherty and her husband William Flaherty of Muscatine County, Iowa, executed a power of attorney in favor of Joel M. Wright to act for them in connection with the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright:

> "Know all men by these presents, that we the undersigned Cynthia A. Flaherty, and William Flaherty, her husband, heirs of the late Thomas Wright, deceased, late of the County of Franklin and state of Virginia, and of the late Solomon Wright, late of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have made, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute, and appoint, Joel M. Wright, of the County of Roanoke and State aforesaid, our true and lawful attorney for us, and in our name, place, and stead, to demand and receive from any and all persons from whom the same may be due, or who may have possession of the same, any and all monies which may be due, or which may hereinafter become due to us, as heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Wright and

Solomon Wright or either of them, to take such legal measures as may be necessary for the collection of the same, to sign, execute, and deliver in our name good and valid receipts and acquitances for all such moneys, to receive and also to perform any and all other acts in the premises which or might lawfully do if personally present. And we further empower our said attorney, to remit and pay over all monys so received on our account to James A. Wright of the City and County of St. Louis and State of Missouri, hereby satisfying all acts which our said attorney may perform by authority of these presents. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the Town of Muscatine and state of Iowa, this 26th day of August 1856.

Witness
J. Scott Richman

Wm M Flaherty
Cynthia A. Flaherty

State of Iowa)
County of Muscatine)

Before me the undersigned Notary Public within and for the said County this 26th day of August 1856 personally appeared Cynthia A. Flaherty and William M. Flaherty her husband, who are to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument ____, the said Cynthia being examined privily and apart from her husband, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purpose therein specified.

In witness whereof, I the said Notary Public have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Muscatine in the County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

D. C. Richman
Notary Public for the County of Muscatine and state of Iowa

In the clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke on the 18th day of November 1856 this Power of Attorney from Wm M Flaherty & wife to Joel M Wright was delivered to me and with the certificate thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
F. Johnston C"

On August 16, 1856, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/609 James A. Wright, Letitia Girard, Virginia P. Knapp and her husband John Knapp, Julia A. Mount and her husband William Mount, Mary Jane Dunn and her husband John Dunn, and Eliza M.

Briggs, all of St. Louis County, Missouri, appointed Joel M. Wright to act for them in connection with the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned, James A. Wright, Letitia Girard, Virginia P. Knapp and John Knapp, her husband, John A. Mount and William Mount her husband, Mary J. Dunn and John Dunn her husband, and Eliza Briggs, all of the County of St. Louis and state of Missouri, heirs of the late Thomas Wright, late of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia, and of the late Solomon Wright late of the County of Roanoke and state of Virginia, have made, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute, and appoint Joel M. Wright of the County of Roanoke, aforesaid, our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names, places, and stead, to receive from any and all persons from whom the same may be due, or who may have charge or possession of the same, any and all moneys which may be due, or which shall hereinafter become due, to us as heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright or either of them to take such legal measures as may be necessary for the collection of the same, and also to sign, execute and deliver in our names good and valid receipts and acquitances for all such monys so received and also to perform all such legal acts as may be necessary in those premises, and which we ourselves might do if personally present. And we further empower our said attorney to remit and pay over all moneys so received to James A. Wright of the City and County of St. Louis and state of Missouri hereby ratifying and confirming all acts which our said Attorney shall perform by authority of these presents. In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals.

Witness
James B. Goff

James A. Wright
Latitia Girard
Julia A. Mount
William Mount
John Knapp
Virginia P. Knapp
Mary Jane Dunn
John Dunn
Eliza M. Briggs

City & County of St. Louis)
State of Missouri)

I James B. Goff, a commissioner within and for the State of Missouri, duly commissioned and authorized by the Governor of the State of Virginia to take the acknowledgement of Deed or other instrument of writing, to be ____ or recorded in said State of Virginia, hereby certify that on the 16 day of August 1856 James A Wright, Latitia Girard, Julia A Mount, William Mount John Knapp, and Virginia

P. Knapp, who are to me severally known to be the same persons whose signatures are affixed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, for the purposes therein specified - the said Julia & Virginia having been first examined apart from their husbands. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of office in the City of St Louis aforesaid the day & year above written

James B. Goff
Commissioner for Virginia

State of Missouri)
City & County of St. Louis)

I, James B Goff, a Commissioner within and for the State of Missouri, duly commissioned & authorized by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to take acknowledgements of deeds and other instruments of writing to be ____ and recorded in said State of Virginia hereby certify that on the 27' day of August 1856 Eliza M Briggs and Mary Jane Dunn - and on the 28' day of August 1856 John Dunn who are severally known to me to be the same persons whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specified, Mary Jane Dunn having been examined apart from her husband

Witness my hand and affixed seal this 28' day of August 1856

James B Goff
Comr for Virginia

In the clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke the 18' day of November 1856 this power of attorney from James A Wright and others to Joel M Wright was delivered to me and with the certificate thereon written admitted to record

Teste
F. Johnston C"

On August 30, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/492 Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright sold 40 acres of land to Samuel H. Claytor:

"This deed made this 30th day of August 1856 between Joel M Wright & Martha E Wright his wife of the county of Roanoke and State of Virginia parties of the first parte and Samuel H Claytor of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid party of the second parte Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of four

hundred and twenty dollars the said Joel M Wright & Martha E his wife do grant unto the said Samuel H Claytor with general warranty all of a sertain tract or parcle of land being in Bedford County & adjoining the lands of George Wheeler Wm Anderson and others and supposed to contain about forty acres be the same more or less and Bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a Beach on Williams Andersons line thence a strate line to a corner stump near said Claytors spring thence around said spring & cornering on a maple thence a strate line to a white oake the same being Claytors Corner thence a Strate line to a Branch which formes a dividing line between Claytor and Wheeler thence as said branch meanders to Anderson corner Thence on Andersons line to a white oake thence from said oake to the Beginning.

Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel M. Wright
Martha Wright

County of Bedford to wit

I I James Jr a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30" day of August 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30" day of August 1856

I James Jr JP

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

We I James Jr and Washington Howell Justices of the peace in the county of Bedford and State of Virginia do certify that Martha E Wright the wife of Joel M Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1856 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband & having the writing fully explained she the said Martha E Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 30th day of August 1856.

I James Jr J.P.
W Howell J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 5th day of November 1856. This deed from Joel M. Wright and wife to Samuel H Claytor conveying real

estate was produced in said office and together with the certificates thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On August 30, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/501 Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright sold 50 acres of land to George Wheeler:

"This deed made this 30th day of August 1856 Between Joel M. Wright and Martha E his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia parties of the first part and George Wheeler of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid party of the second part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars the said Joel M Wright and Martha E his wife do grant unto the said George Wheeler with general warrenty all of a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Bedford County adjoining Anthony P. Wright and others and supposed to contain about fifty acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P. Wright and thence with said Wright's line to a branch thence up said branch to Jane Richardsons line and thence with her line to a large pine on huckleberry hill corner to the heirs of John D Pate thence with said line to a pine corner to Anthony P Wrights near the road thence with said Wrights line to the beginning. Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel M Wright
Martha Wright

County of Bedford to wit

I, I James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 30th day of August 1856.

I James Jr J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

We I James Jr and Washington Howell Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do certify that Martha E Wright the wife of Joel M Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on

the 30th day of August 1856 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband & having the writing aforesaid fully explained she the said Martha E Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 30th day of August 1856

I James Jr J.P.
W Howell, J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 24th day of November 1856. This deed from Joel M Wright and wife to George Wheeler conveying real estate was produced in said office and together with the certificates thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On August 30, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/34 Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright sold 108 acres of land to Phebe Wright and Jubal J. Wright:

"This Deed made this 30th day of August 1856 Between Joel M Wright & Martha E his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia parties of the first parte and Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid parties of the second parte. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred dollars the said Joel M Wright & Martha his wife do grant unto the said Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright with general warranty all of a certain tract or parcel of land in Bedford County & State of Virginia & adjoining the lands of William Anderson Christopher Preston & others & containing 108 acres & bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates servey thence along his line S 73-2/3 E 153 poles to an Elm stump thence on the creek thence on the South forks of the same as it meanders to the mouth of the meador Branch thence with Wm Andersons line N 58-1/2 W 47 poles to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oake thence N 17 E 19 poles to a persimmon and sassafras thence new line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 52 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a read oak thence N 78-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning.

Witness the following signature and seals

Joel M Wright
Martha Wright

Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

J W Howell a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing within bearing date the 30' day of August 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell J.P.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We W Howell & I James Jr Justices of the peace for said County do certify that Martha E Wright the wife of Joel M Wright a party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after after having the Deed fully Explained to her seperate and aparte from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and Deed & willingly signed sealed & delivered the same before us in our County aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell JP
I James Jr. J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 13" day of February 1857 This Deed from Joel M Wright and wife to Jubal J Wright & Phebe Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

These three deeds indicate that Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright were residing in Roanoke County on August 30, 1856.

On September 27, 1856, in File 679 Joel M. Wright requested a continuance to secure a witness, but John Q. A. Wright objected on the grounds that the motion was for the purpose of delay and that Joel M. Wright was becoming insolvent:

"Virginia County of Bedford to Wit

This day Joel M. Wright came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that Joseph Heller is a material witness for him on the trial of a suit on the Chancery side of the Circuit Court of Bedford in the

name of John Q. A. Wright against him and that he has been unable until within the last month to ascertain the place of his the said Heller's residence so as to take his deposition and now he does not know the particular place but has learned that he resides in the State of California. He has made every effort to find out the exact place of his residence but has not been able to do so since he was informed that he lived in California. He deems him a very material witness in said cause and he cannot prove the same facts by any one else that he knows of. If the cause aforesaid is continued he thinks he will be able by the next time to obtain his evidence. Given under my hand this 27th of September 1856

Ro. G Bell J.P.

I do not think this case ought to be continued on the facts stated in the within affidavit. The Bill was filed in March 1855 an a/c ordered at the April term 1855, a/c taken and returned April, 1856, and the a/c stands now without an exception to it Nothing is heard of the materiality of the witness Heller until the case is called for trial more than 18 months after the bill is filed

The within affidavit does not show a case of proper diligence it merely states that the affiant has been unable to ascertain the residence of the witness until within the last month, that since he has ascertained that he resided in California he has used every effort to find out the exact place of his residence but has not done so. There is no statement that for the 18 months previous he had made any effort to find out his residence. I think it is merely an effort to get a continuance simply for delay. My client thinks it important to have the case tried this term as the defendant is in failing circumstances and he thinks if the case is continued he will lose his demand by reason of the insolvency of the deft. The case stands on the a/c to which there is no exception.

29 Sept 1856 Johnson for pltff"

On October 2, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 3/384 the court approved the commissioner's report and subject to an additional credit ordered payment by the defendant:

"1856 October 2nd

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Wharton made in pursuance of a decree in this cause at a former term, to which report there is no exception. On consideration whereof the Court approving said report doth confirm it but the plaintiff being willing to allow the defendant an additional credit of Twenty six dollars and eleven cents for a carryall, and a statement having been made at the bar marked A on which the said sum of Twenty six dollars and eleven cents is credited, and

which statement shows a balance due the plaintiff of Seventy dollars and ninety two cents, as of the 1st May 1850. And the Court approving said statement A. doth adjuge, order and decree, that the defendant Joel M. Wright do pay to the plaintiff John Q. A. Wright the sum of Seventy dollars and ninety two cents with interest after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st day of May 1850 till paid, and that the said defendant do pay to the plaintiff his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended."

On September 3, 1858, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. F/575 Joel M. Wright and Martha Wright sold 385 acres of land to Bird A. Robertson:

"This Deed mad this 3d day of September in the the year of 1858 between Joel M Wright and Martha Wright his wife of the first part, and Bird A Robertson of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of four Thousand Dollars, the said Joel M Wright and Martha Wright his wife dothe grant unto the said Bird A. Robertson with general Warranty all of a Certain piece or tract of land Lying in the County of Roanoke, on Back Creek containing three hundred and Eighty five acres, More or less And Bounded as follows, to wit Beginning on the top of the Blue ridge on the Turnpike in the Windy Gap at A. Thence along the turnpike as it Meanders 276 poles to the creek at - 2 - thence up the Creek as it Meanders 300 poles to a line of Vinyards Land at 3 - thence with his line, N 44 W 108 poles to a white oak on a line of the land of John Board at 4, thence with a line Thereof N 4 W 25 poles crossing a branch to a post oak corner to the land of Miss Oliver at 5, thence with the lines thereof N 72 E 92 poles to a spanish oak and a pine at - 6 - Thence S 31 E 56 poles to a white oak near the branch at - 7 - Thence N 36 W 106 poles crossing a branch to a black oak at 8, Thence S 84 E 50 poles crossing the creek to a large white oak, corner to the land of the heirs of Green Richardson at 9, Thence with the Same S 6-1/2 E 30 poles to a white oak at 10, Thence S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak & a white Oak at 11, Thence N _7-1/2 E 312 poles to a spanish oak at 12, Thence N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a Rock at - 13, Thence N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the creek at 14 Thence down the creek as it Meanders 70 pols to - 15, Thence S 40 W 14 poles to a white oak at - 16, Thence S 67 E 96 poles to a large Lynn at - 17, Thence N 70 E 140 poles crossing the loop of the creek to a double chestnut corner to the land of Benjamin Richardson at - 18, and with his line S 68, E 79 poles to the top of the Blue Ridge - at 19, Thence Thence along the top thereof as it Meanders 554 poles to the Beginning. And there yet remaining unpaid of the above Purchase Money $3000.00 and due as follows to wit: One thousand Dollars due on the 16 day of October 1858 - And one Thousand dollars due on the 16 day of October 1859 - And on Thousand dollars due on the 16 day of October 1860, with Lawfull Interest thereon from the 16 day of October 1859 - till paid - And a

Lien is hereby granted on the within Named Land and premises in forvour of the within named Grantor to Secure the payment of the Said purchase Money. Witness the following Signatures & Seals

Joel M. Wright
Martha Wright

Roanoke County, to wit.

I, William McDermed a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Joel M. Wright whose name are signed to the writing above bearing date the 3d day of September 1858, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3 day of September 1858

Wm McDermed J.P.

Roanoke County, to wit,

We Wm B Preston and William McDermed Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia Do certify that Martha Wright wife of Joel M Wright Whose names are Signed to the within writing Bearing date on the 3d day of September 1858, Personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, in the State aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully Explained to her, She the Said Martha Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and Declared that she had willingly Executed the Same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 3d day of September 1858

Wm B Preston J.P.
William McDermed J.P."

On November 3, 1859, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. F/488 Joel M. Wright executed a deed of trust to Collen Bass to secure Thomas Muse in connection with a replevy bond:

"This Indenture made this 3rd day of November in the Year of 1859 between Joel M Wright of the one part and Collin Bass of the other part Whereas Thomas Muse did on the 20th day of September 1858 did undertake as Security in a Replevy Bond which Bond is filed in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford And Whereas The said Joel M Wright is willing and desirous effectually to secure and indemnify by Collateral security the said Thomas R Muse -- This Indenture therefore Witnesseth that the said Joel M Wright as well in consideration of the premises aforesaid as of One dollar to him in hand paid by

the said Collin Bass The Receipt whereof the said Joel M Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath granted Bargained and conveyed and by these presents doth grant Bargain and Convey and sell over as Collateral Security unto the said Collin Bass his heirs and assigns these Claims or Debts to wit One debt on Jesse G Bondurant for Seventy six Dollars - One Execution in the hands of the Bedford Sheriff for One hundred and Eighty five dollars - One debt on John A Langhorne for Seventy three dollars unto the said Collin Bass his heirs and assigns to their proper use forever In Trust Nevertheless that If the said Joel M Wright his heirs Executors or Administrators shall on or before the first day of August 1860 shall well and truly Release & discharge The said Thomas R Muse from any liability & pay all cost and damages which the said Thomas R Muse may have become liable for or may have sustained. Then This Indenture and everything herein contained is to become void - And after the first day of August 1860 The said Thomas R Muse shall not have been released or discharged from the foregoing Suretyship or if the said Thomas R Muse shall have sustained any injury or have paid any portion of said Replevy Bond or have satisfied the Security debt in either of the said cases the said Collin Bass shall and may collect, sell or dispose of the aforesaid named debts at public Auction to the First bidder for Ready money having given twenty days Notice of the time and place at several public places And that the proceeds of such Sale after paying thereout all the expenses attending the execution of this Trust shall be applied by the said Collin Bass his heirs or assigns towards the discharge and payment to the aforesaid liabilities cost or damages which the said Thomas R Muse may sustain by the suretyship in said Replevy Bond And the surplus of the proceeds if any there be to be paid to the said Joel M Wright or to his assigns And the said Joel M Wright for himself and his his heirs Executors or Administrators doth hereby Covenant and agree with the said Collin Bass that he the said Joel M Wright and his heirs shall warrant and forever defend the said Claims and debts unto the said Collin Bass his heirs and against all and every person or persons whomsoever In Witness whereof the said Joel M Wright have hereunto set his hand and seal this 3rd day of November 1859.

Joel M Wright

Roanoke County to Wit

I William McDermed a Justice of the peace in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do Certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing above dated the 3rd day of November 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand the 4th day of November 1859.

Wm McDermed JP.

In the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court the 21st November 1859. This Deed from Joel M Wright was delivered to me and with the Certificate thereon written admitted to record

Teste
F. Johnston C."

On November 3, 1859, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. F/489 Joel M. Wright executed a deed of trust to Thomas R. Muse to secure various creditors:

"This Indenture made this 3rd day of November in the Year of 1859 Between Joel M Wright of the one part and Thomas R Muse of the other part. Whereas the said Joel M Wright is indebted to Wm H Pate & Williamson Bondurant my Equal part of a Security debt which they have paid To Wm H Dennis Thirty Three dollars due execution to Thomas Tosh Thirty One dollars due by execution to Holly & Gish in the Sum of Two hundred & twelve dollars due by Bond to Matthews & Wright in the sum of fifty nine dollars to David Gish in the sum forty five dollars also to William Watts & Wingfield a Conditional Lawyers fee agreed upon by the parties. The payment of which several sums with lawful interest thereon. The said Joel M Wright is willing and desirous effectually to secure to the said Wm H Pate & Bondurant Holly & Gish Matthews & Wright, David Gish Wm H Dennis & Tho. Tosh Holly & Gish Matthews & Wright David Gish Watts & Wingfield - This Indenture therefore Witnesseth that the said Joel M Wright as well in consideration of the premises aforesaid as of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Thomas R Muse The Receipt whereof the said Joel M Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained sold conveyed and by these presents doth grant bargian sell and convey unto the said Thomas R Muse his heirs and assigns One Certain tract or parcel of Land lying in Roanoke County on the South Side of Back Creek and contains by survey Three hundred & twenty three acres and is the same land on which the said Joel M Wright now resides and for the Meets and bounds of said land, refference is hereby made to the Deed of said Land which is of record in The Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke with all the improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Thomas R Muse his heirs and assigns & to their proper use forever. In Trust Nevertheless that if the said Joel M Wright his heirs executors or Administrators shall on or before the first day of August 1860 well and truly pay To Wm H Pate & Williamson Bondurant as aforesaid to Wm H Dennis Thirty Three dollars To Thomas Tosh Thirty one dollars To Holly & Gish two hundred and twelve dollars to Matthews & Wright fifty nine dollars to David Gish forty five dollars - to Watts & Wingfield their fees as aforesaid with lawful interest thereon on the several Sums above mentioned Then this Indenture and everything herein contained is to become void. And after the first day of August 1860 the said several sums of money above named or any part thereof shall be and remain unpaid then the said Thomas R Muse his heirs or assigns in either of the said

cases shall and may sell and dispose of the aforesaid Tract or parcel of Land with the premises and appurtenances, at Public Auction to the hiest bider for Ready money having given Thirty days Notice of the time and place of sale in some public newspaper published nearest the place of Sale and that the proceeds of such Sale after paying thereout all the expenses attending the Execution of this Trust shall be applied by the said Thomas R Muse his heirs or assigns towards the discharge and payment to the aforesaid several named persons To Wit To Wm H Pate & Williamson Bondurant as aforesaid To Wm H Dennis Thirty three dollars To Thomas Tosh Thirty One dollars To Holly & Gish two hundred and twelve dollars To Matthews & Wright fifty nine dollars. To David Gish forty five dollars and to Watts & Wingfield as aforesaid and the interest which may be due thereon. And the surplus of the proceeds if any there shall be to be paid to the said Joel M Wright or to his assigns and in further trust that until such sale shall be made it shall be lawful to and for the said Joel M Wright his heirs Executors or Administrators to hold and use the said granted tract or parcel of Land and premises and to take and receive the Rents and profits of the said Land and premises to his & their own proper use and benefit. And the said Joel M Wright for himself his heirs Exors or Admors doth hereby Covenant and agree with the said Thomas R Muse that he the said Joel M Wright & his heirs shall & will warrant & forever defend the said tract or parcel of Land and premises unto the said Thomas R Muse his heirs & assigns against all and every person or persons Whomsoever. In Witness whereof the said Joel M Wright have hereunto set his hand and seal the same day and year first in this Indenture Written

Joel M Wright

Roanoke County to Wit

I William McDermed a Justice of the peace in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do Certify that Joel M Wright whose named is signed to the writing above dated the 3rd day of November 1859 has acknowledged the same before in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand the 3rd day of November 1859.

Wm McDermed JP

In the Clerks Office of Roanoke Court the 21st November 1859. This Deed was delivered to me and with the Certificate thereon written admitted to Record.

Teste
F. Johnston, C"

On January 25, 1864, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. G/102 G. A. Wingfield, as commissioner, sold 323 acres of the land of Joel M. Wright pursuant to a Chancery Court decree:

> "This Deed made this 25th day of January 1864 Between G. A. Wingfield Comr. acting under a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County of the one part, and Thomas Ronk of the County of Roanoke of the other part, whereas in a suit, in Chancey lately depending in the said Circuit Court between William Burnett and William H. Pate pltffs against Wm Gish, Washington Howell, Joel M. Wright and others defendants on the 3d day of May 1860 it was (among other things) adjudged, ordered, and decreed that the said G. A. Wingfield (who was thereby appointed a Comr. for the purpose) should after having advertised the same in the manner prescribed by said decree sell by way of public auction certain lands of the said Washington Howell and Joel M. Wright in the Bill and proceedings in the said suit mentioned for the purposes mentioned in the said Decree. And Whereas the said Wingfield after having advertised in the mode prescribed by the said Decree did on the 20th day of August 1860 in pursuance of the said Decree proceed to sell at public auction a parcel of the land in the said Bill and proceedings mentioned belonging to the said Joel M Wright situate, lying, and being in the said County of Roanoke being all the land of the said Joel M. Wright in the said County of Roanoke situate and lying on the South side of Back Creek, and on the South west side of the turnpike road containing by estimation 323 acres of Land - at which sale the said Thomas Ronk became the highest bidder and purchaser of the said tract of Land at the price of $1300 for the tract (it being a sale in gross and not by the acre) and thereupon paid excess in cash the sum of $54 and excecuted his bond with security for the sum of $1245 (the residue of the price of said Land) payable six months after date And whereas by another decree of the said Circuit Court made in the said suit on the 26 day of September 1860 it was (among other things) adjudged ordered and decreed the said sale of the said land should be confirmed, that the said Wingfield should collect the said bond when it became payable, and that when the purchase money of the same should be fully paid the said Wingfield should convey the said Land to the said Thomas Ront his heirs or assigns by proper deed for the purpose with special warranty at the proper cost of the grantee.
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> And whereas the said Thomas Ront has fully paid off and discharged the said Bond given for the purchase of the said Land as aforesaid - Now these presents witnesseth that the said G. A. Wingfield in consideration of the premises and the sum of one dollar, doth in pursuance and in virtue of the power vested in him by the said last mentioned decree grant unto the said Thomas Ront his heirs and assigns forever the tract of land aforesaid with special warranty.

Witness the following signatures and seal

G. A. Wingfield

Bedford County to wit

I G. G. Saunders a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that G. A. Wingfield whose name is signed to the amended writing bearing date the 25" day of January 1864 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 25" day of January 1864

G. G. Saunders J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke the 18th day of January 1864 This deed was delivered to me and with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon written admitted to record.

Teste
F. Johnston C."

In his letter dated March 21, 1989, Samuel Wright enclosed a photograph of the tombstones of Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright listing the following:

"Joel M. Wright
Aug 8, 1822 July 22, 1888

Martha E. Wright
His Wife
Apr 6, 1834 Apr 11, 1874"

In her letters dated July 6, 1988, and August 11, 1988, Beverly Wright enclosed family group sheets which stated that Joel Mayse Wright was born on August 8, 1822, at Virginia, moved to Clinton County, Missouri, between 1859 and 1864, resided in 1870 in Clinton County, Missouri, died on July 22, 1888, and was buried at Lebanon Cemetery, Clinton County, Missouri, that Martha Esther (Nance) Wright was born in 1834 in Virginia, died on April 6, 1874, and was buried at Lebanon Cemetery, Clinton County, Missouri, and that they had the following children:

1) Adolphus Ross Wright, born on August 28, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia;

2) Gordon K. Wright, born in 1852 probably at Bedford County, Virginia;

3) Jubal Alexander Wright, born on May 3, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia;

4) John T. Wright, born in 1857 in Virginia;

5) Solomon T. Wright, born in 1859 in Virginia;

6) Robert L. Wright, born in 1864 in Missouri;

7) Sara A. Wright, born in 1865 in Missouri;

8) Martha E. Wright, born in Missouri;

9) _____ Wright, born in 1870 in Missouri; and

10) Benjamin Wright, born in 1872 in Missouri.

iv. 1864 Jeremiah L. Wright Of Gentry County, Missouri, His Wife Moriah Or Mariah (Richardson) Wright, And His Descendants

1864 Jeremiah L. Wright of Gentry County, Missouri, was a son of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1],1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Jeremiah Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, Jeremiah, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the third oldest male in the Phoebe Wright household as aged 15 to 20, indicating a date of birth for Jeremiah Wright between 1820 and 1825.

The marriage bond of Jeremiah Wright and Maria Richardson was dated on November 4, 1844, at Roanoke County, Virginia, with William Richardson as surety:

> "Bedford County virginia
>
> this is to certefy that I do hereby autherise Mr clerk of Roanoke county and State of virginia to ishue licens to my son jeremiah Wright to marry Mis Meriah

Richardson of Roanoke county and State of virginia given under my hand and Seal this first day of november in 1844

Test
Thomas A wright

phebe Wright

Know All Men By These Presents, That We Jeremiah Wright and William Richardson are held and firmly bound unto James McDowell Esq, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and for the payment of which, well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors in office; we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 4th day of November 1844.

The condition of the above obligation is Such, That, Whereas a marriage is shortly to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Jeremiah Wright and Maria Richardson of the county of Roanoke. If, therefore, there be no lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Teste,
Samuel M Jeter D.C.

Js. Wright
William Richardson"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jeremiah Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carri-ages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls alls and harness, and and value	2 Wheel pleasure carri-ages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and mount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, also listed Thomas & Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Thos. & Jeremiah Wright	1		1	

4 wheel pleasure carri- ages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry- alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carria- ages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.42

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jeremiah Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jeremiah Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.22½

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jeremiah Wright	1		1	

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
			.22½

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jeremiah Wright	1				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
		.32½

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah Wright with the following household on August 16, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jeremiah Wright	24	M		Farmer	$1256
Mariah Wright	25	F			
James M. Wright	5	M			
Sally A Wright	3	F			
Solomon M. Wright	1	M			
Thomas Cooper	14	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
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Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Jeremiah Wright was born about 1826 and Moriah (____) Wright was born in about 1827 or 1828.

The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed Jeremiah Wright as one of the plaintiffs:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting
>
> Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit . . . .
>
> - and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

On May 2, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, S.B. 1/87 a survey and division of the land of Jeremiah Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright was filed:

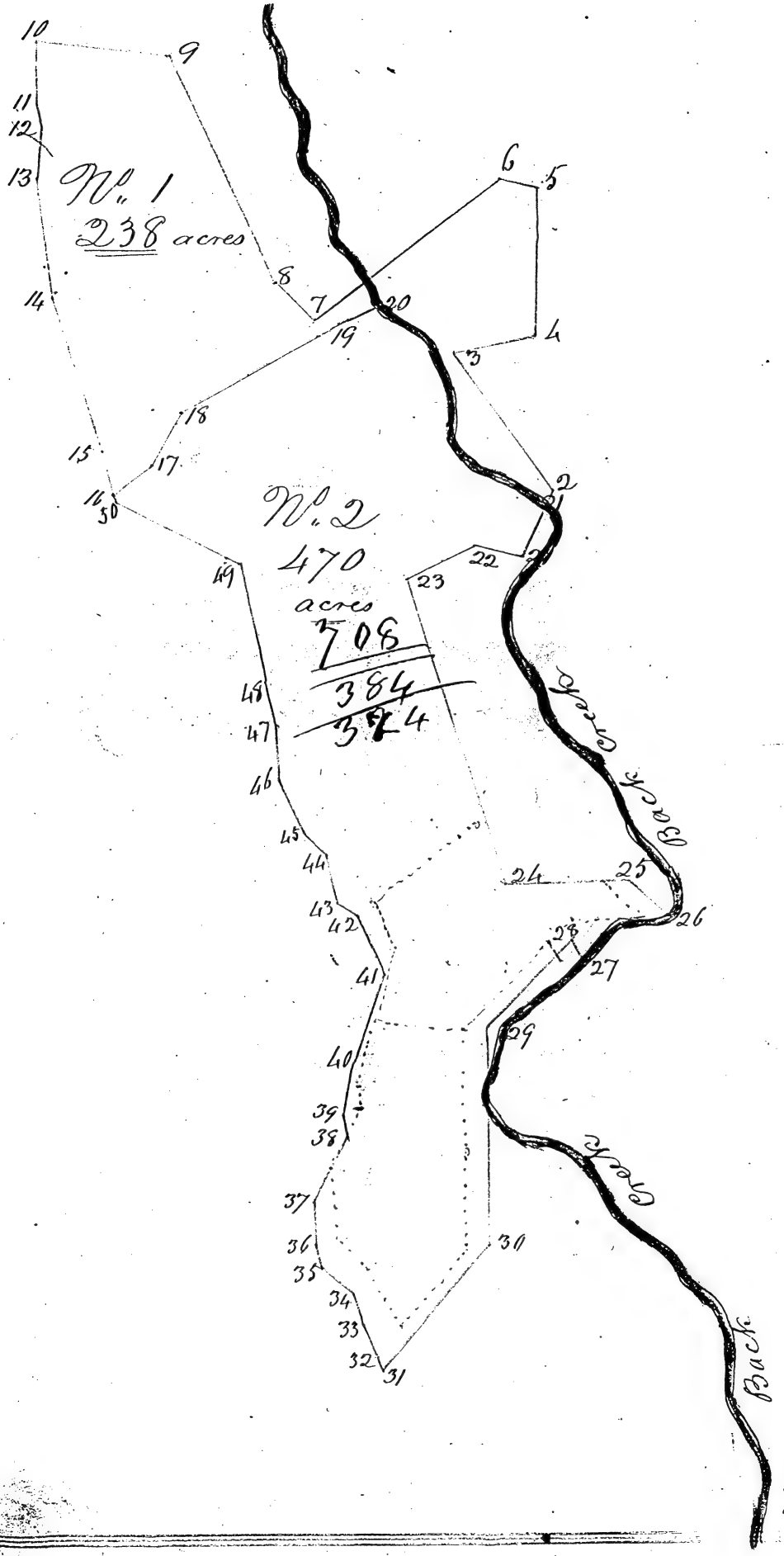
> "Surveyed & Divided agreeable to the annexed Plat for Thomas & Jeremeah Wright heirs of Thomas Richardson Deceased the Land is lying in Roanoke County on Back Creek a branch of Roanoke River
>
> No. 1 Contains 238 Acres was laid off for Jeremiah Wright and is bounded as followeth Viz Beginning in the middle of the Creek at 1 Corner on a line of Miss Olivers Land and with the Same NS. 84 W. 5 poles to a black oak at 2 thence S 36 W 107 poles Crossing a branch to a Lage poplar & W. ok near the Creek at 3 thence N 31 W 56 poles to a pine & a Spanish oak at 4 Thence S 72 W. 90 poles crossing a branch to a white oak at 5 Corner to the land of John Gamnan at 8 (6?) thence with a line thereof S 4. E 25. poles to a white oak at 76 Corner to the Land of Richardson's heirs thence with the S 57 E 147 poles Crossing the Creek to a black oak & a hickory at 7 thence S 25 W 36 poles to a red oak at 8 thence S 45 W 160 poles to 2 White oaks & a pine at 9 on a ridge & up a ridge S. 14 E 84 poles to 2 white oaks at the Moravian road on the top of the blue Ridge at 10 thence along the Top of the blue ridge N 70 E 38 poles to 10 Thence Thence N 60 E 16 poles to 12 Thence N 75 E 31 poles to 13 Thence N 63 E. 78 poles to 14 Thence Thence N 53 E 100 poles to 15 Thence N 55 E 26 poles to

near two Gums at 16 Corner to No. 2 Thence with the Same down the Mountain N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and a dead Spanish Oak at 17 Thence N 80 W. 37 poles to 2 black oaks at 18 Thence N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of a ridge at 19 Thence N 27 W 23 poles to a maple & a dogwood on the bank of the Creek at 20 Thence Down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles to the beginning

No 2 Contains 470 acres was laid off for Thomas Wright and is bounded as followeth viz Beginning in the Middle of back creek corner to No 1 at 1 on olivers line S 84 E 44 poles to a large White oak at 22 Corner to the land of Richardsons heirs thence with the Same S 6-1/2 E 30 poles to three white oak at 23 Thence S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak at 23 Thence N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a spanish oak at 24 Thence N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a Rock at 25 Thence N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek at 26 Thence Down the Creek as it Meanders 66 poles to a large Rock at 27, Corner to the land of Robert Richardson Thence with the lines of the Same S 40 W 14 poles to a White oak at 28 Thence S 67 E 76 poles to a large Lynn at 29 Thence N 70 E 140 poles crossing the Creek twice and with the Land of Benjamine Richardson to a Double Chesnut at 30 Thence S 68 E 79: Through his field to a Stake on his line and on the Top of the Blue Ridge at 31 Thence along the Top of the Ridge as follows S 15 W 12 poles to 32 Thence S 50 W 20 poles to 33 thence S 53 W 21 poles to 34 Thence S 23 W 26 poles to 35 Thence S 58 W 14 poles to 36 Thence S 70 W 29 poles to 37 Thence N 83 W 45 poles to 38 Thence S 62 W 14 poles to 39 Thence S 80 W 34 poles to 40 Thence Due West 60 poles to 41 Thence S 45 W 41 poles to 42 Thence S 12 W 15 poles to 43 Thence S 57 W 30 poles to 44 Thence S 28 W 22 poles to 45 Thence S 48 W 36 poles to 46 Thence S 70 W 32 poles to 47 S 58 W 28 po to 48 Thence S 50 W. 79 poles to 49 Thence S 8 W 83 poles to a black oak at 50 Thence S 55 W 6 poles to near two Gums at 16 Corner to No 1 Thence with the lines thereof N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood & Dead spanish oak at 17 Thence N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks at 18 Thence N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the Top of a ridge at 19 Thence N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a Dogwood on the bank of the Creek at 20 Thence Down the Same as it Meanders 186 poles to the Beginning

Plat made off and) May 2nd 1851
delivered to Wright) Jno. Snyder SRC

Fee $10.25"


No. 1
238 acres
No. 2
470
acres
708
384
324
Back Creek
Back Creek

On August 26, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/310 & D.B. D/323 Jeremiah Wright and Mariah Wright divided 708 acres of land with Thomas Anthony and Mary Jane Wright:

> "This Indenture Made this 26th day of August 1851 Between Jeremiah Wright and Mariah his wife of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other part Whereas the Said Jeremiah Whright are Seized in fee Simple of and have and as Joint Tenants of Equal Shares in a certain peice or parcel of land Containing by Survey Seven hundred and Eight Acres lying in the County of Roanoke on both Sids of Back Creek, And Whereas the Said Jeremiah Wright and Thomas Wright have Concluded to hold and enjoy their Respective parts of the Said tract or parcel of land in Severalty and have mutually agreed to make a partition of their Rights therein, So that Each may have, hold, and enjoy his share in Severalty, to him and his heirs and assigns forever and for that purpose have divided the aforesaid 708 acres of land into two Equal Moieties by running a division line thru the Said land, and it is hereby Covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to these presents that the aforesaid Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns Shall henceforth have, hold, possess & in Severalty the Moiety of the Said 708 acres of Land Which is Situated at the lower end of the Said tract of land & Contains 470 acres, is Bounded as followeth to wit Begining on the bank of the Creek on a line of Miss Oliver's Land thence with a line thereof S. 84 E 44 poles to a large White oak Corner to the land of Green Richardsons Lines, thence with the Same, S 6-1/2 E 30 poles to 3 White Oak - S 43-1/2 E 48 poles to a black oak and a white oak N 51-1/2 E 212 poles to a Spanish Oak N 21-1/2 W 72 poles to a Rock - N 24-1/2 E 32 poles to the Creek, thence down the Creek, as follows S 24 E 32 poles S 70 E 34 poles to a large Rock on the bank of the Creek and on the Northside Corner to the land of Robert Richardson S 40 W 14 poles to a White oak stump - S 67 E 76 poles to a large lynn - North 70 E 140 poles Crossing the Creek twice and with the Land of Benj. Richardson to a Double Chesnut S 68 E - S 68 E 71 poles through his field to a Stake on the Blue Ridge thence along the top thereof as follows, S 15 W. 12 poles - S 50 W. 20 poles, S 53 W. 21 poles - S 23 W 26 poles S 58 W 14 poles S 70 W. 29 poles N 53 W. 45 poles - S 62 W. 14 poles - S 80 W. 34 poles - Due West 60 poles S 45 W 41 poles - S 12 W. 15 po. S 57 W 30 poles S 25 W 22 poles - S 48 W 36 poles, S 70 W 32 poles S 58 W 28 poles S 51 W 77 poles S 8 W 83 poles to a black oak, thence S 55 W 6 poles to near 2 ____ (at 15, Corner ____) thence with the Same N 55 W 30 poles to a Dogwood and black Spanish oak - N 80 W 37 poles to two Black oaks - N 51½ W 13 poles to a Black oak on the top of a Ridge N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and Dogwood on the bank of the Creek Thence down the Creek as it Meanders 186 poles to the Beginning Now in Consideration of the foregoing premises and of the further Consideration of one dollar in hand paid to them, the Said Jeremiah Wright and Mariah his wife by the Said Thomas Wright, the Reciept whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained Sold and Conferred by these Presents unto the Said Thomas

Wright his heirs and assigns forever And the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his wife do by these Presents for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant with the said Thomas Wright his heirs & assigns that he Shall and may from henceforth forever peacably, and quietly, have, hold, Use, ocupy, Possess, and enjoy the Said Land, together with all the buildings and other Improvements thereon free, and discharged of all Right and title, Interest, Claim, or demand Whatsoever of the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his Wife or Either of them or of their heirs, or Assigns, or of any Person or persons Claiming by, from, or under them. In Witness Whereof the Said Jerimiah Wright and Mariah his wife, have hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals, the day and first herein Written

Jeremiah Wright
Mariah Wright

Roanoke County to wit, I, William McDermed a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do Certify that Jerimiah Wright whose name is Signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 26th day of August 1851, has acknowledged the Same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand and Seal this 5th day of September 1751

Wm McDermed

Roanoke County to wit We George P. Taylor and William McDermed Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Do Certify that Mariah Wright, Wife of the Said Jerimiah Wright whose Names are Signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 28th day of August 1851, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Mariah Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act, and declared that She had willingly Executed the same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands and Seals this 5 day of Sep, 1851

Geo: P. Taylor
Wm McDermed

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 30' day of October 1851 This deed from Jeremiah Wright & wife to Thomas Wright was delivered to me, and togehter with the Certificate thereon written, admitted to Record,

Test
F Johnston C"

"This Indenture Made this 26th day of August 1851 Between Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife of the one part, and Jerimiah Wright of the Other part, Whereas the said Thomas Wright and the Said Jerimiah Wright are seized in fee simple of, and have and as Joint Tenants of Equal Shares in a Certain piece or parcel of land Containing by Survey Seven hundred and Eight acres lying in the County of Roanoke on both sides of Back Creek; And Whereas the Said Thomas Wright and Jerimiah Wright have concluded to hold and enjoy their respective parts of the said tract or parcel of land in severally, & have mutually agreed to make a partition of of their rights therein, so that Each may have, hold, and enjoy his share in Severalty to him and his heirs and assigns forever: and for that purpose have divided the aforesaid 708 acres of land into two Equal Moieties by running a division line through the said land. And it is hereby Covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to these presents that the aforesaid Jerimiah Wright his heirs and assigns, Shall henceforth have hold, possess & enjoy in severalty the moiety of the said 708 acres of land, Which is situated at the upper end of the Said tract of land, and Contains 238 acres & is Bounded as followeth to wit: Begining at two black Oaks on a hill side on the North Side of Creek, Corner to the Land of Miss Oliver's thence with the Same S 36 W 107 poles to a poplar and a White oak N 31 W 56 poles to 2 pines and a Spanish Oak S 72 W 92 poles Crossing a branch to a post oak Corner to Garner's land S 6 E 25 poles to a White Oak Corner to the land of Wm Richardson Decd. and the lines thereof S 57 E 147 poles Crossing the Creek and up a branch to a black oak & hickery S 25 W 36 poles to a Red oak S 45 W 160 poles to 2 White oaks and a pine on a Ridge S 14, E 84 poles to 2 White oaks on the Top of the blue Ridge, by the Movarion Road thence a long the top thereof with the land of Edmund Richardson N 71 E 38 poles - N 60 E 16 poles - N 75 E 81 - N 63 E 78 poles N 53, E 106 - N 55, E 26 poles to near 2 Gums Corner Thomas Wright division (No 2) thence with the Same N 55 W. 30 poles to a Dogwood, and a Dead Spanish Oak N 80 W 37 poles to 2 black oaks - N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black Oak on the top of a Ridge - N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a Dogwood on the bank of the Creek, thence down the Creek as it meanders 186 poles N 84, W 5 poles to the Begining Now in Consideration of the forgoing premises and of the further Consideration of one dollar in hand paid to these the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife by the said Jerimiah Wright the Receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, and Confirmed by these presents unto the Said Jeremiah Wright his heirs and assigns the foregoing Described Land & premises, to have and to hold the Same with all the priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Jerimiah Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife do by these presents for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant With Said Jerimiah Wright his heirs & Assigns that he Shall and may from henceforth forever peacably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the Said land together with all the buildings and other improvements thereon, free and discharged of all right & title

Interest, Claim, or demand Whatsoever of the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his wife or Either of them, or of their heirs or assigns, or of any person or persons Claiming by, from, or under them. In Witness Whereof the Said Thomas Wright and Mary Jane his Wife, have thereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals the day and year first hereon Written

Thomas A. Wright
Mary Jane Wright

Roanoke County (to wit) I, William Mcdermed a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do Certify that Thomas Wright, Whose Name is Signed to the wrighting above bearing date on the 26 day of August 1851 has acknowledg'd the Same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand and Seal this 5 day of September 1851

Wm McDermed

Roanoke County (to wit) We George P. Taylor and William McDermed Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do Certify that Mary Jane Wright wife of Thomas Wright Whose Names are signed to the Writing above bearing date on the 26th day of August 1851 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid & being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the Writing aforesaid fully Explained to her, She the Said Mary Jane Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act and declared that She had willingly Executed the Same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hand and Seals this 5th day of September 1851

Geo P. Taylor JP
Wm McDermed JP.

In the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court the 17 day of November 1851 This Deed from Thomas Wright to Jeremiah Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificates thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
F. Johnston C."

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Jeremiah L. Wright joined the other heirs of Solomon Wright to sell 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright

Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

Phebe Wright
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Bedford County to wit

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Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The birth record of Robert Green Wright, son of Jeremiah and Maria Wright, was dated on July 10, 1855 at Roanoke County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Robert Green Wright
Date of Birth:	July 10, 1855
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Roanoke Co.
Father's Name:	Jeremiah Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Roanoke
Mother's Name:	Maria Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Tho A. Wright
Relationship:	Uncle"

On September 10, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/425 Jeremiah Wright and Maria Wright and Sarah Richardson sold 238 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This Deed Made this 10th day of September in the year 1855, between Jeremiah Wright and Maria Wright his wife and Sarah Richardson, widow of Thomas Richardson deceased, of the first part, and Joel M. Wright of the second part. Witnesseth, that in Consideration of two Thousand three hundred and Eighty dollars, the said Jeremiah Wright and Maria his wife, and Sarah Richardson do grant, with general Warranty, unto the said Joel M. Wright, a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the waters of Back Creek in Roanoke County, Containing 238 Acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows - "Beginning at two black oaks on a hill side on the north side of the Creek, corner to the land of Miss(?) Oliver's, thence with the Same S 36 W 107 poles to a polar and a White oak N 31 W 56 poles to two pines and a Spanish Oak, S 72 W 92 poles crossing a branch to a post oak Corner to Gamans land S 6 E 25 poles to a white oak corner to the land of William Richardson deceased and the lines thereof S 57 E 147 poles crossing the Creek and up a branch to a black oak and hickory S 25 W 36 poles to a red oak S 45 W 160 poles to 2 white oaks and a pine on a Ridge. S 14 E 84(?) poles to 2 white oaks on the top of the Blue Ridge, by the Moravian Road, thence along the top thereof with the land of _____ Edmund Richardson N 70 E 88 poles N 60 E 16 poles N 75 E 31 poles N 63 E 78 poles N 53 E 100 poles N 35 E 26 poles to near two gums corner to Thomas Wright's division (No 2) thence with the same N 55 W 30(?) poles to a Dogwood, and a dead Spanish oak N 80 W 37 poles to two black oaks N 51-1/2 W 120 poles to a black oak on the top of the Ridge, N 27 W 23 poles to a Maple and a dogwood on the bank of the creek, thence down the creek as it meanders 186 poles, N 84 W 5 poles to the Beginning" - it being the Same Tract or parcel of Land which was conveyed to the said Jeremiah Wright by Thomas A. Wright and Mary Jane his Wife, as the portion of the land of Thomas Richardson deceased which fell to the Said Jeremiah Wright in a division thereof made on the 26" day of August 1850 as appears by deed of that date on record in the Clerks office of Roanoke County Court. And the above named Sarah Richardson widow of the said Thomas Richardson deceased having an undivided Dower Estate in Said Land she is made a party to the conveyance, and she does hereby release and relinquish to the said Joel M. Wright all her Dower Estate and interest in the property thereby conveyed. And the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and Eighty dollars, part of the purchase money aforesaid being unpaid, due and payable on the first day of September 1856(?) a lien is reserved in favour of the said Jeremiah Wright on the property herein conveyed, for such unpaid purchase money

Witness the following signatures and seals

Jeremiah Wright
Maria Wright
Sarah Richardson

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I, Wm B. Preston a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do Certify that Jeremiah Wright and Sarah Richardson parties to the Writing above dated the 10" day of September 1855 have Acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 11" day of September 1858

Wm B. Preston J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

We E. G. McClanahan and Wm B Preston Justices of the peace in and for the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do Certify that Maria Wright, wife of Jeremiah Wright parties to the writing above dated the 10" day of September 1855 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being by us examined privily and apart from her said husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her, she Acknowledged the said writing to to be her act, and declared that she had Willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under our hand this 10" day of Sept 1855

E G McClanahan J.P.
Wm B Preston J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 19th day of November 1855 This Deed from Jeremiah Wright and others to Joel M. Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate therein written admitted to Record

Teste
S. Ward (?) _Ck"

In her GenForum posting dated August 4, 2001, and her email dated August 20, 2001, Toneata Martocchio stated that Jeremiah Wright resided in 1860 at Gentry County, Missouri, enlisted in the Union Army, was captured, died in 1864 at Andersonville Prison, Georgia, and is listed in the Andersonville Prison mortality index, and that Jeremiah Wright had two children:

1) James Marshall Wright, born in about 1845, and
2) Solomon Wright, born in about 1849.

In her email dated August 21, 2002, Carole Rice stated that Jeremiah Wright and Moriah (Richardson) Wright had the following children:

1) James M. Wright, born in 1845 at Virginia,

2) Sally A. Wright, born in 1847 at Roanoke, Virginia,

3) Solomon Minnis Wright, born on March 11, 1849, at Roanoke, Virginia, and

4) John T. Wright, born in about 1858 at Missouri.

v. Solomon Minnis Wright And His Wife Martha Ann (Wade) Wright

Solomon Minnis Wright was a son of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Solomon Minnis Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, Jeremiah, Solomon Minnis, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the fourth male in the Phoebe Wright household as aged 10 to 15, indicating a date of birth between 1825 and 1830.

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Solomon M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Solomon M Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carri-ages and harness and value	Stages, and value, includ-ing harness	Carry-alls and har-ness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carri-ages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metal-lic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying spe-cific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by pur-chase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper print-ing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Solomon M. Wright with the following household:

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The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Solomon M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
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4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

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Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Solomon M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With Tax	Whites males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Solomon M Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent, lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches

Metal-lic clocks	Other clocks	Pianoes and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying speci-fic tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by pur-chase, including interest, profits, or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied yearly income over $400 received as salaries or fees of office

Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper print-ing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The complaint in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed Solomon Minnis Wright as one of the plaintiffs:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit . . . .

- and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

The marriage bond of Solomon M. Wright and Martha Ann Wade was dated on September 22, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Isaac Wade as surety and the marriage on September 25, 1851:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Solomon M Wright and Isaac Wade are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 22nd day of September 1851.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Solomon M Wright and Martha Ann Wade Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.
>
> Solomon M Wright
> Isaac Wade

> Report of marriages by James Leftwich from 1st December 1850 upto 1st January 1852
> . . . .
>
> Solomon M. Wright to Martha A. Wade Sepr 25th 1851
> . . . ."

On December 30, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Solomon Minnis Wright joined the other heirs of Solomon Wright to sell 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

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Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

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Bedford County to wit

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Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec

1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On August 29, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/493 Solomon M. Wright and Martha A. Wright sold their interest in a trust established for Martha's mother Mary K. Wade:

"This deed made the 29" day of August 1855, between Solomon M Wright and Martha A his Wife of the first part, and Samuel G Stewart of the Second part, all of the Counties of Roanoke and Bedford Va. Witnesseth that in consideration of Two hundred dollars in hand paid to them by the Said S. G. Stewart, the reciept whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Said Solomon M Wright and Martha A, his Wife, do grant unto the Said S. G. Stewart, all of their interest in the Slaves, Money or other property left in the hands of Thadius C Nance, (trustee) by the will of the late John Nance decd for the benefit of Mary K Wade (Wife of Isaac Wade Jr.) and her children, the interest hereby intended to be conveyed is a childs part, the Said Martha A Wright being a child of the Said Mary K Wade. The Said Solomon M Wright and Martha A, his Wife, do by these presents grant bargain, Sell and Convey unto the Said S G Stewart the above named property with general warranty. Witness the following Signatures and Seals, day and date, above Written.

Solomon M Wright
Martha A Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to Wit.

I Washington Howell Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid do certify, that Soloman M Wright and Martha A Wright his Wife parties to the annexed conveyance, have duly acknowledged the Same before me and desired me to

certify the Said acknowledgment, to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the Said Conveyance may be recorded, And I do further Certify that Martha A Wright, Wife of S. M. Wright personally appeared before me, and being examined privily, and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, She acknowledged the Same to be her act, and deed, and declared that She willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the Same, and that She wished not to retract it. I also certify that the word interest in Said deed was erased, and the words, and her children were interlined before the Signing of Said deed. Given under my hand and Seal August 29 1855.

Washington Howell NP"

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court the 5 day of ___ber 1855. This deed from Soloman M Wright and Martha ___ his Wife to Samuel G Stewart, conveying personal estate ___ together with the certificate thereto annexed, was produced ___ Said office and admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

vi. Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor, Her Husband Samuel H. Claytor, And her Descendants

Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor was a daughter of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Eliza Jane Wright as one his daughter:

". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, Jeremiah, Solomon Minnis, Eliza Jane, ..."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the third female in the Phoebe Wright household as aged 10 to 15, indicating a date of birth between 1825 and 1830.

The marriage bond of Eliza Jane Wright, daughter of Phebe, and Samuel H. Claytor was dated on June 22, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jubal Wright as surety and the marriage on July 4, 1849:

"The Clerk of Bedford Cty

You are hereby authorized to Grant marriage Licens to Samuel H Claytor and Eliza Jane Wright & for so doing this shall be sirtifficate

June 22nd 1849 Phebe Wright
Witness
his
Jubal X Wright
mark

Know all men by these presents, That we, Samuel H Claytor and Jubal Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 22nd day of June 1849.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Samuel H Claytor and Eliza Jane Wright daughter of Phebe Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. Saml. H. Claytor
in presence of his
Jno M Reese Jr Jubal X wright
mark

Return of Marriages by James Leftwich from November 1st 1844 up to 1st December 1851
. . . .

Samuel H. Claytor to Elisa J Wright July 2nd
. . . ."

Marriage Notices from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1837-1860 stated that on July 23, 1849, The Lynchburg Virginian published the following marriage notice for Jane Wright and Samuel H. Claytor:

"Claytor, Samuel H., married Jane Wright, dau. of Solomon Wright, dec'd, on 07/04/1849. Groom of Bedford Co. Bride of Bedford Co. The Lynchburg Virginian, 07/23/1849, p.3, c.3."

The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery File 682 listed Eliza Jane, the wife of Samuel W. Claytor, as a plaintiff:

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A A Arthur Clk"

In his email dated December 7, 2001, Earl Woodford stated that the following obituary appeared in The Weekly Kansas Chief newspaper on February 19, 1880:

"Died at Elwood, Kansas - 2/12/1880 - Mrs. Clatyor of erisipelalas. She leaves several children, some near grown. Her age, abt. 50 yrs."

In his email dated December 7, 2001, Earl Woodford stated that a Family Bible stated that Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor was 54 years old at her death, indicating a date of birth in about 1826.

In his email dated December 7, 2001, Earl Woodford enclosed a descendants report which stated that Eliza Jane Wright was born in about 1826, married Samuel H. Claytor on June 22, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on February 12, 1880, at Elwood, Kansas, that Samuel H. Claytor was born in about 1822 at Orange County, North Carolina, resided in Missouri in about 1859, resided in 1860 at Gentry County, Missouri, resided in 1870 at Clinton County, Missouri, and died on June 11, 1877, at possibly Missouri, and that Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor and Samuel H. Claytor had the following children:

1) Soloman W. Claytor, born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) John Joel Claytor, born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) James Mitchell Claytor, born on February 5, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Cora M. (Claytor) Staley, born on June 16, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Henry S. Claytor, born on December 10, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Samuel Thomas Claytor, born in about March 1860 at Gentry County, Missouri,

7) Jubal Jefferson Claytor, born on December 3, 1863, at Lanthis Grove, Missouri,

8) Mary Etta Claytor, born on June 16, 1865, at Missouri or Iowa, and

9) William C. Claytor, born on May 16, 1870, at Clinton County, Missouri.

In his email dated December 7, 2001, Earl Woodford enclosed family group sheets which stated that Eliza Jane Wright was born about 1826 at Virginia, married Samuel H. Claytor on June 22, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on February 12, 1880, at Elwood, Kansas, that Samuel H. Claytor was born in about 1822 at Orange County, North Carolina, resided in 1860 at Gentry County, Missouri, resided in 1870 at Clinton County, Missouri, and died on June 11, 1877, at Missouri, and that Eliza Jane (Wright) Claytor and Samuel H. Claytor had the following children:

1) Soloman W. Claytor, born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) John Joel Claytor, born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) James Mitchell Claytor, born on February 5, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Cora M. (Claytor) Staley, born on June 16, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Henry S. Claytor, born on December 10, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Samuel Thomas Claytor, born in about March 1860 at Gentry County, Missouri,

7) Jubal Jefferson Claytor, born on December 3, 1863, at Lanthis Grove, Missouri,

8) Mary Etta Claytor, born on June 16, 1865, at Missouri or possibly Iowa, and

9) William C. Claytor, born on May 16, 1870, at Clinton County, Missouri.

vii. 1872 Jubal J. Wright, His Wife Emma F. (Nance) Wright, And His Descendants

1872 Jubal J. Wright was a son of 1831 Solomon Wright of Bedford County and Phebe (Wright) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], 1831 Solomon[4])

The will of Solomon Wright dated July 1, 1830, and probated on October 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 8/1 listed Jubal Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . whatever may remain of my estate I desire shall be equally divided among my children seven in number and names as follows, Thomas, Anthony, Martha Ann, Joel Mayse, Jeremiah, Solomon Minnis, Eliza Jane, and Jubal . . . ."

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the fifth male in the Phoebe Wright household as aged 10 to 15, indicating a date of birth between 1825 and 1830.

On June 22, 1849, Jubal Wright acted as surety on the marriage bond of Eliza Jane Wright and Samuel W. Claytor filed in Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jubal J. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Jubal J. Wright	1				

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physi-cians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jubal Right in the Joel M. Wright household and his age as 20 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1830.

The complaint dated about September 1850 in the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 3/203 listed Jubal Wright as one of the plaintiffs:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting
>
> Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to

distribution of his estate to wit . . . . and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, ..."

On December 30, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/228 Jubal Wright joined the other heirs of Solomon Wright to sell 108 acres of land to Joel M. Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Pheb Wright widow and relict of Solomon Wright deceased of Bedford County & Thomas A Wright Jeremiah Wright Solomon M Wright Samuel H Claytor & Eliza June his wife & Jubal J Wright legatees and heirs at law of the said Solomon Wright deceased of the first part and Joel M Wright of the last part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Joel M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the parties of the first part doth grant unto the said Joel M Wright all of their right title and interest in and to all that tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek of which the said Solomon Wright died seized & possessed & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Anthony P Wright and Robt C Ramsey thence South 73-2/3 East 153 poles to an elm stump on Beaverdam creek thence up south fork of the same to the mouth of Meadow branch thence along the line of Wm Andersons survey North 58-1/2 W 47 po to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N 17 E 19 poles to a sassafras and persimmon thence along Christopher Prestons line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 59-1/2 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak Stump thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory Thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak stump thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a red oak thence N 72-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning containing one hundred and eight acres more or less the parties of the first part to this writing covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed unto the said Joel M Wright now and forever nevertheless one room with a fire place attached to it in the house is reserved to the said Phebe Wright for her use & priviledge during her natural life. Witness the following signatures & seals

Phebe Wright
Thomas A Wright
Jeremiah Wright
Saml H Claytor
Solomon M Wright
Eliza Claytor
Jubal J Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright, Thos A Wright Jeremiah Wright Samuel A Claytor Solomon M Wright & Jubal J Wright whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 30th day of December 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1854

Isaac James JP

Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a notare public of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Eliza J Claytor wife of Samuel H Claytor whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing the date on the 30th day of Dec 1854 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 20th day of January 1855

Washington Howell
Notare public

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court January 22d, 1855.

This deed from the heirs at law of Solomon Wright deceased to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificates of acknowledgements and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The marriage certificate of Jubal J. Wright and Emma F. Nance was dated on November 29, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"To the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia

I hereby certify, That the following is a correct Statement of a Marriage solemnized by me in the County aforesaid:

Date of Marriage, 29 November
Place of Marriage, Alexander Wade's
Full Name of Parties married, Jubel j Wright & Emmer FNance
Age of Husband, 24 years

Age of Wife, 18 years
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) single
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Ct
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Ct
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Ct
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford
Names of Husband's Parents, Solomon Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, John Nance & Martha
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand as a _____ (legally authorized to solemnize Marriages,) this 29 day of November A.D. 1855

William Harris"

On August 30, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/34 Jubal J. Wright and Phebe Wright purchased 108 acres of land from Joel M. Wright and Martha E. Wright:

"This Deed made this 30th day of August 1856 Between Joel M Wright & Martha E his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia parties of the first parte and Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid parties of the second parte. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred dollars the said Joel M Wright & Martha his wife do grant unto the said Phebe Wright & Jubal J Wright with general warranty all of a certain tract or parcel of land in Bedford County & State of Virginia & adjoining the lands of William Anderson Christopher Preston & others & containing 108 acres & bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates servey thence along his line S 73-2/3 E 153 poles to an Elm stump thence on the creek thence on the South forks of the same as it meanders to the mouth of the meador Branch thence with Wm Andersons line N 58-1/2 W 47 poles to a dogwood thence N 14 W 57 poles to a black oake thence N 17 E 19 poles to a persimmon and sassafras thence new line N 72-1/2 W 57 poles to a dogwood thence S 52 W 12 poles to a hickory thence S 2 W 43 poles to a black oak thence S 26 W 63 poles to a hickory thence S 42 W 23 poles to a white oak thence S 15-2/3 E 35 poles to a read oak thence N 78-3/4 E 72 poles to the beginning.

Witness the following signature and seals

Joel M Wright
Martha Wright

Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

J W Howell a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Joel M Wright whose name is signed to the writing within bearing date the 30' day of August 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell J.P.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We W Howell & I James Jr Justices of the peace for said County do certify that Martha E Wright the wife of Joel M Wright a party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after after having the Deed fully Explained to her seperate and aparte from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and Deed & willingly signed sealed & delivered the same before us in our County aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 30th day of August 1856.

W Howell JP
I James Jr. J.P.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 13" day of February 1857 This Deed from Joel M Wright and wife to Jubal J Wright & Phebe Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The birth record of Martha P. Wright was dated in October 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Martha P Wright
Date of Birth:	October 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Jubal J Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford

Mother's Name: Emma F.
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: Father"

On September 1, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/114 Jubal J. Wright and Emily Wright and Phoeba Wright sold 108 acres of land to Anthony P. Wright:

"This Deed made this first day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, between Phoeba Wright Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife of the one part and Anthony P. Wright of the other part Witnesseth for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred and ten dollars the said Phoeba Wright, Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife hath sold unto the said Anthony P. Wright with general warranty a certain particular parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia, On the waters of Beaver dam Creek containing One hundred and Eight Acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows - That is Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates old survey thence along his line S. 73-1/2 East 153 poles to an Elm stump on Beaver dam Creek. Thence up the South fork of said Creek to the mouth of a branch thence along the lines of William Anderson's survey North 58-1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 dogwoods thence North 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N. 17 E. 19 poles to a sassafras thence new lines made in (1823) N. 72-1/2 W. 37 poles to a dogwood then S. 59-1/2 West 12 poles to a Hickory thence South 2 W. 43 poles to a black oak thence South 26 W. 63 poles to a hickory thence South 42 West 23 poles to a white oak thence South 15-2/3 E. 35 poles to a red oak thence N. 70-3/4 East 72 poles to the beginning A lien is retained upon the land for five hundred dollars due the first day of September 1858 - Witness the following signatures and seals

Phebe Wright
Jubal J. Wright
Emoner F. Wright

Bedford County to wit

I James M. Matthews Justice of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright & Jubal J. Wright parties to a certain deed whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid Given under my hand this first day of September 1857

James M. Matthews J.P.

Bedford County to wit

We James M. Matthews & Peter M. Wright, Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Emily Wright wife of Jubal J. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date of the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven, after having the same fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and says she wishes not to retract it - Given under our hands this 1st day of September 1857

P. M. Wright J.P.
James M. Matthews J.P.

In Bedford County Clerks Office 10th October 1858

This deed form Phebe Wright &c to Anthony P Wright conveying real Estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

In her letter dated July 6, and August 11, 1988, Beverly Wright enclosed family group sheets which stated th at Jubal J. Wright was born about March or April 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, emigrated to 1857 Clinton County Missouri, resided in 1870 in Clinton County, Missouri, and died on December 23, 1872, and that he had the following child:

1) Jubal James Wright.